

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
May 20, 1959

Re: Cuban Revolutionary Activities

[redacted] a registered agent of the Dominican Republic (DR) and representative of the Dominican Air Force, advised on May 15, 1959, that during a recent visit to Miami, Florida, he had spoken to one Maria Bulnes, who is the owner of the Chateau Miramar, Havana, Cuba. [redacted] stated that Maria Bulnes is the former wife of General Ruperto Cabrera, who was the Chief of Staff of the Cuban Armed Forces during the presidency of Carlos Prío Socarras.

[redacted] advised that Maria Bulnes had helped the rebel forces of Fidel Castro, Cuban Prime Minister, during the recent revolution against ex-President Fulgencio Batista. [redacted] stated that Bulnes now has many of the "barbudos" living in her hotel, the Chateau Miramar, and overhears much of their conversations and, in general, knows the activities in the Havana area as a result of her contact with the "barbudos".

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[redacted] stated that Bulnes told him that an American pilot by the name of Mc Donald, who is an assistant to the Chief of the Cuban Air Force, is living at the Chateau Miramar and that he had told Bulnes that there were over 200 men, composed of Dominicans, Puerto Ricans and Venezuelans, now in full training for the invasion of the DR, at a

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farm which belongs to one Senora Printa, a Dominican opposed to the DR. [] stated that this farm was given her by the rebels and she is being supported by Raul Castro.

Bulnes, according to [] stated that one Alberto Fernandez, who is Assistant Chief of Headquarters to Major Ernesto "Che" Guevara at La Cabana Fortress, told her that there were more than 2,000 Puerto Ricans, former members of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, now under training in Cuba and that the training of these Puerto Ricans was being conducted with the approval of Fidel and Raul Castro. [] stated that Bulnes related that Alberto Fernandez said that the 2,000 Puerto Ricans were being trained to invade Haiti and the DR with the promise of Fidel Castro, Raul Castro, and "Che" Guevara, that they would then help liberate Puerto Rico from the United States.

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[] also stated that Maria Bulnes said that General Alberto Bayo's son, Alberto Bayo Cosgaya, a pilot, is also living at the Chateau Miramar and that he drinks and talks too much. Bulnes stated that recently at the Chateau Miramar, while drinking, Alberto Bayo, Jr. stated that his father, General Alberto Bayo, was preparing the invasion forces which would invade and liberate Nicaragua, Haiti and the DR.

Concerning Paul Castro, it is noted that he is the brother of Fidel Castro and is in charge of the Armed Forces of Cuba of the Revolutionary Army.

Concerning the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, it is noted that it has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Concerning Alberto Bayo, it is noted that he is identical with General Alberto Bayo Giroud, a Cuban by birth, who fought in the Spanish Civil War and who later was exiled to Mexico, and in 1956, trained the guerrilla forces of Fidel Castro which landed in Oriente Province on or about December 2, 1956, and eventually forced ex-President Fulgencio Batista to go into exile in the DR.

[] also stated that he had just received information from Dominican agents who are working in Cuba and that he had the following information:

While Fidel Castro was in the United States, he called off the invasion of Nicaragua and instructed Major Camilo Cienfuegos to stop the invasion, which Cienfuegos did. Garcia stated that it was reported to him that Raul Castro was responsible for the organization and training of the invasions of Panama and Nicaragua, and that a bitter fight developed between Cienfuegos and Raul Castro over the stopping of the Nicaraguan invasion and that it was for this purpose that Raul Castro met his brother, Fidel Castro, in Houston, Texas, prior to Fidel Castro's trip to South America.

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[] advised that as of the moment, according to Dominican Intelligence reports, Cienfuegos and Raul Castro are bitter enemies.

[] also stated that he had been informed that the opposition forces in Cuba are clandestine and that there is much activity going on in the Provinces of Oriente, Camaguey, and Las Villas. [] also stated that the amount and the degree of sabotage has increased greatly in the aforementioned provinces by the clandestine opposition to the Castro Government in Cuba.

[] advised that this clandestine opposition, according to Dominican Intelligence, is known as the Latin American Anti-Communist Movement (Movimiento Anti-Comunista Latino Americano) (MACLA). Garcia advised that Dominican information indicates that within ninety days, there will be nothing but bloodshed in Cuba as there are 3,000 ex-Army and National Police members in the mountains, 43,000 in prison, and 10,000 have been murdered since Castro took power.

[] also stated that Dominican Intelligence has reported that Celia Sanchez, who is one of Fidel Castro's secretaries, and who was in the mountains with the rebels during the entire revolution, is being pushed to head the Communist Party (CP) in Cuba. [] also stated that Dominican Intelligence has advised that there is pressure being put upon Fidel Castro to marry Celia Sanchez.

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[] also advised that Dominican Intelligence has reported that there is a tremendous class hatred growing up among the people in Cuba and also the question of equal rights for the Negroes in Cuba has also irritated many people.

[] also stated that there is great influence by the Communists exerted among the military, the businesses, and education. He advised that the leaders of the Communist movement in Cuba include the following individuals:

Raul Castro
"Che" Guevara
Pinero Lozano
Ermidio Escalona
(First Name Unknown) Montseny

Delio Gomez Ochoa
William Galvez
Pompilio Viciendo
Armando Acosta Cordero, Chief of
the Naval District of Havana
Victor Mora
Alfredo Guevara
Manuel Duchesne

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[] advised that their intelligence service in Cuba has stated that the entire workers movement is in the hands of the above-named individuals and that they have gone to recent elections in the union with one ticket, July 26 - PSP.

Concerning the July 26 Movement, it is noted that this is the Movement founded by Fidel Castro which lead an unsuccessful attack upon the Moncada Barracks on July 26, 1953, from whence his organization has taken its name.

Concerning the PSP (Partido Socialista Popular), it is noted that this is the CP in Cuba.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (109-46)
SUBJECT: CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES
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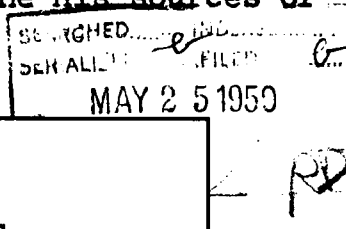
Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau are 13 copies of a letterhead memo setting forth information received from [redacted] who volunteered this information to the NYO.

[redacted] on 5/18/59, furnished a carbon copy of a memorandum which he furnished to GENERAL RAFAEL TRUJILLO, Jr. dated 5/15/59. This memorandum has been translated in the NYO and copies are being made up which will be furnished the Bureau and Miami under separate cover. b7C

In view of [redacted] position as a registered agent of the Dominican Republic, no effort was made during contact with him on 5/15/59 to identify his sources of information. [redacted] has been cooperative in furnishing info of Cuban matters and indicated he would continue to cooperate with the Bureau. In future contact with [redacted] efforts will be made to determine his sources of information.

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1 - New York (105-35287) (DOMINICAN ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE US)
1 - New York (105-35253) (ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES)
1 - New York (105-35259) (SPANISH REPUBLICAN DEMOCRATIC ACTION)
1 - New York (109-81) (JULY 26)
1 - New York (109-112) (FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-CUBA)
1 - New York (109-124) (CARIBBEAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES)
1 - New York (109-46)

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Miami, Florida
May 26, 1959

MEMO, SAC

RE: ANTI-CASTRO MOVEMENT
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On May 4, 1959, [redacted]

[redacted] accompanied by his [redacted]
[redacted] came to the Miami Office and furnished the
following information to SAS [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted]

There are now four rival Anti-CASTRO groups operating in Miami against FIDEL CASTRO. Each of these groups is also Anti-Communist. They are as follows:

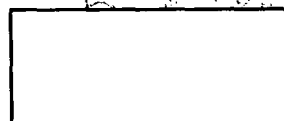
1. A group headed by Dr. EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO, Former Cuban Delegate to the United Nations, who is extremely highly regarded by all respectable Cubans. b7C
2. A group headed by JUSTO LUIS POZO, former Mayor of Havana, who has the support of about 25 prominent Cuban politicians, such as former senators.

- 9 - Miami (105-1742)
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3. Group headed by ROLANDO MASFERRER, who is disliked by respectable members of other groups because of his reputation.

4. A group which follows the leadership of General JOSE PEDRAZA, living in the Dominican Republic, who is considered leader of the military exiles of the Cuban Government residing in the Miami area. PEDRAZA accepts the support of MASFERRER and MASFERRER accepts PEDRAZA, each as a matter of necessity, although neither accepts the other personally.

Each of these groups, according to [] is loosely knit, without name, officers, or any definite membership. Each is composed of Cuban exiles who are unified only in their Anti-CASTRO sympathies. These groups are jockeying with each other for position, prestige and leadership. No specific organizations or organization, as such, have yet emerged. b7C

[] a representative of PEDRAZA in Miami, left for the Dominican Republic on May 4, 1959, taking a note from [] requesting PEDRAZA to accept MASFERRER.

An airplane valued at \$350,000.00 is being considered for purchase by the Dominican Republic. This plane is located in Miami. It was formerly owned by the U. S. Air Force and is capable of carrying from 250 to 300 men.

[] will advise the Dominican Government concerning this plane, but PEDRAZA has to give the okay before it is purchased. This plane is located at the western end of Miami International Airport. It is white with red stripes. This plane and 11 other planes were recently in Cuba where the Cuban Government was giving consideration to their purchase.

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With regard to the reported landings in Panama of Cuban Revolutionaries, five of these men were confidential bodyguards of FIDEL CASTRO.

On May 6, 1959, [redacted] furnished the following information on May 6, 1959:

Several days ago AGUSTO FERRANDO requested [redacted] to come to the Dominican Consulate. FERRANDO is the Dominican Consul General in Miami.

Also at the Consulate was JUAN ABESS, Chief of Dominican Security Police. ABESS and FERRANDO questioned [redacted] concerning the reliability of [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was a fugitive, 18 or 20 years ago in connection with a Brooklyn, N. Y. robbery of several million dollars worth of bonds. [redacted] said that at that time General JOSE PEDRAZA was the Chief of Police in Havana and that a Colonel GARCIA of the Police Department, was a friend of [redacted] and warned him concerning his fugitive status in the United States. b7C

[redacted] said that [redacted] was in Miami about one week ago and was apparently staying with [redacted] who associated with [redacted]. Both of the latter individuals are of a very questionable character, according to [redacted] said that he did not know the exact reason why the Dominicans were interested in [redacted].

[redacted] also advised that on the morning of May 6, 1959, he was visited by ROLANDO MASFERRER, who disclosed to [redacted] that CARLOS PRIO is now ready to cooperate in a movement against FIDEL CASTRO, but that PRIO cannot leave Cuba because of restrictions placed upon him by the CASTRO

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Government. [] also said that MASFERRER wanted [] to supply Anti-CASTRO articles to be issued for propaganda purposes. [] indicated that he did not accept MASFERRER's overtures.

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With regard to [] reference is made to Miami file [] in the case entitled "[] was., National Stolen Property Act," which reflects that [] was a suspect in the case involving theft of a security from a New York bank. File does not disclose that he is wanted at the present time.

[]
Special Agent

Miami, Florida
May 12, 1959

On May 12, 1959, [redacted] furnished the following information to SA [redacted] the original of which is filed in [redacted]

The recent expedition of Cubans to Panama was planned and executed with the knowledge of RAUL CASTRO, Commander in Chief of the Cuban Armed Forces, but without the knowledge of his brother, FIDEL CASTRO. RAUL CASTRO sat in on conferences with CESAR VEGA, Cuban leader of the expedition, and RUBEN MIRO, one of the Panamanian instigators of the expedition.

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When news of this expedition was received by FIDEL CASTRO, who was then on his visit to the United States, he immediately ordered RAUL CASTRO

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- 1 - 109-43 (Panamanian Revolutionary Activities)
- 1 - 105-1747 (Cuban Political Activities)
- 1 - 109-49 (Cuban Air Force)
- 1 - 105-1769 ("Tribuna")
- ① - 105-1742 (CP in Cuba)
- 1 - 105-1715 (Cuban Retaliation)
- 1 - 2-192 (FRANK FIORINI)
- 1 - [redacted] b7C
- 1 - 105-1734 (MANUEL DIAZ)
- 1 - 105-1810 (DIER)
- 1 - 105-N (RANDOLFO COSSIO)
- 1 - 105-N (SERVIO BRULE DIAZ)
- 1 - 105-N (RAFAEL BOTELLO LOPEZ)

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to consult with him at Houston, Texas. FIDEL was very angry with RAUL for having permitted this expedition to leave Cuba. At the present time, there is still bad feeling between FIDEL and RAUL. FIDEL CASTRO has also opposed his brother's idea of propagandizing the Cuban Armed Forces with Communist literature, and RAUL has discontinued his original efforts to propagandize the Cuban Air Force with this type of literature.

Immediately after the recent return to Cuba of Major PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, Chief of the Cuban Air Force (FAR), who had accompanied FIDEL on his visit to the United States, FAR received information that RAUL CASTRO was going to undertake some sort of violent action against PEDRO DIAZ and his brother, MARCOS DIAZ, assistant to PEDRO. Close associates of PEDRO DIAZ went about armed with Thompson sub-machine guns and exercised great precautions to protect both the DIAZ brothers. For a time, it was felt that RAUL would at least attempt to arrest PEDRO DIAZ on some pretext and then oust both PEDRO DIAZ and his brother, MARCOS, from the Cuban Air Force, in a move which would enable RAUL CASTRO to completely take over FAR. However, when RAUL CASTRO observed the precautions undertaken by FAR, he apparently changed his strategy and invited PEDRO DIAZ to his office, where he congratulated him on doing a good job for FAR.

PEDRO DIAZ and his immediate associates now feel that FIDEL CASTRO has sided with PEDRO DIAZ as against his own brother, RAUL.

PEDRO DIAZ and his immediate associates feel that FIDEL CASTRO has confidence in FAR, as he has made available to FAR a twelve million dollar credit to be used for the purchase of planes and to set up a new air force training school at Baracoa, Havana, which is scheduled to be opened May 20, 1959. CASTRO wants to purchase in the near future ten to fifteen jet airplanes, several helicopters, and some P-51 planes for training purposes. At the present time, there are only about fifteen qualified FAR pilots capable of combat duty.

Neither PEDRO nor MARCOS DIAZ are about to be removed from FAR, and Captain ANTONIO SANSON, who is an assistant to PEDRO DIAZ, stands in well with FAR and is also not likely to be ousted.

Major PEDRO DIAZ and his close associates still feel, however, that their position can become precarious at any time in the near future, and they are still maintaining emergency escape plans and also are planning to rent or purchase a house in Miami which can be used for emergency purposes. This house will also be used as quarters in Miami for representatives of FAR while visiting Miami on business. At the same time, PEDRO DIAZ and his close associates are still trying to plan a method of ridding the Cuban government of RAUL CASTRO and ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA, Commander of La Cabana Fortress, both of whom are considered Communists by DIAZ and his associates.

PEDRO DIAZ and his associates feel that CAMILO CIENFUEGOS, Chief of the Cuban Army, can be relied upon as a friend of PEDRO DIAZ. They also believe that CIENFUEGOS is anti-Communist and hates RAUL CASTRO. They also believe that ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, a former leader of the second front in the Escambray, prior to January 1, 1959, is a friend of PEDRO DIAZ.

PEDRO DIAZ and his associates believe that FIDEL CASTRO is against Communism. PEDRO DIAZ and some of his chief assistants in FAR were particularly anxious to accompany FIDEL on his visit to the United States, so that they could observe his intimate reactions to the United States. They ascertained that during conversations held in the privacy of his hotel rooms, CASTRO disclosed to his associates that he was favorably impressed by the people of the United States and the manner in which they greeted him. He was also impressed by the economic and business conditions in the United States. As a result of his visit to the United States, the FAR now feels that the majority

of the people in Cuba are behind FIDEL and have increased their confidence in him.

So far as is known, no representative of the Soviet Union nor of the Communist Party in the United States had contacted or made any attempt to contact FIDEL CASTRO during his visit in the United States. It was observed by associates of PEDRO DIAZ that during the reception at the Cuban Embassy in Washington in honor of FIDEL CASTRO, CASTRO made no attempt to engage in any further conversation with the Soviet Ambassador than with the representatives of any other foreign countries. They also observed that newspaper photographers photographed FIDEL CASTRO shaking hands with the Soviet Ambassador, and that they made no attempt to photograph CASTRO shaking hands with other dignitaries of note.

Aerodex, Miami International Airport, is now doing work on Cuban airplanes. There are approximately twelve hundred men in FAR.

It has been determined that there is maintained a confidential file in the office of Captain ALFREDO GUERRA, in his office at Camp Liberty, with between sixty and seventy pages of copies of signed statements furnished to SA [redacted] and [redacted] of the FBI by [redacted]. These statements are not on FBI report forms, and they appear to be carbon copies, or copies of carbon copies. Keys to this cabinet are maintained by orderlies attached to the office of Captain GUERRA. Captain GUERRA is Chief of Cuban Air Force Intelligence. These copies of statements were found by the CASTRO government in a safe in the office of General FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, who had been Commander of the Cuban Army prior to January 1, 1959. It is believed that his son, Colonel FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, JR., Chief of the Cuban Air Force under BATISTA, obtained these copies from Miami, from someone, identity unknown to FAR. Captain ALFREDO GUERRA has been giving

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consideration to publishing these statements, in view of distribution in Cuba of "Tribuna", an anti-CASTRO publication of which DANIEL VAZQUEZ is editor. This newspaper is published in Miami, and copies of it have been dropped on weekends by plane in Cuba. Captain GUERRA wants to show the Cuban people what kind of a man VAZQUEZ is.

Captain GUERRA is anti-Communist and pro-United States. He is the son of a prominent Cuban lawyer and comes from a good honest family. He is shrewd and cautious. He, along with other individuals in the present Cuban government, does not trust the United States Embassy in Havana because of reports received to the effect that Embassy personnel were on the receiving end of money furnished by BATISTA officers prior to January 1, 1959. It is, therefore, doubtful that GUERRA would be willing to exhibit or turn over these statements to the United States Embassy in Havana, although it is believed that he may be willing to turn them over to appropriate United States officials in the United States.

No information is possessed concerning the identity of any particular Embassy employee or officials who are suspected of having received money from the BATISTA regime.

With regard to CELIA SANCHEZ, who is a close adviser and assistant to FIDEL CASTRO, this woman is a "hill billy" from the mountains of the Sierra Maestra, and she is neither a Communist nor a Lesbian, as has been reported by some uninformed sources. CELIA SANCHEZ is a staunch supporter of CASTRO, fought with him in the Sierra Maestra, and so far as is known, she was never a Communist sympathizer or member.

Cuban Air Force Intelligence is an organization whose functions are confined to Cuba.

It is headed by Captain ALFREDO GUERRA. This organization investigates personnel of FAR and problems of FAR in Cuba. It does not perform work outside of Cuba of an investigative nature.

The Cuban Air Force, however, employs investigators. These investigators report directly to either PEDRO DIAZ, MARCOS DIAZ, or Captain GUERRA. One of these investigators, an American, ALAN MacDONALD, was fired about a week ago, and immediately after GUERRA returned to Cuba from a trip with FIDEL CASTRO to the United States. Immediately upon his return to Cuba, GUERRA became Chief of Cuban Air Force Intelligence.

FRANK FIORINI had, until recently, been serving as liaison man between FAR and the United States Embassy in Havana. The Embassy notified him, however, that he might lose his United States citizenship, and that he had to decide between the United States and Cuba. FIORINI thereupon decided to remain in Miami in order to retain his United States citizenship. He is now conducting investigations for FAR, but not for FAR intelligence. These investigations relate to individuals suspected of smuggling guns into Cuba, smuggling people out of Cuba, and related matters.

Other FAR investigators in Miami include Lieutenant RANDOLFO COSSIO, who is assisted by RAFAEL BOTELLO and by an individual whose last name is LOPEZ.

MANOLO DIAZ is another FAR investigator who works alone on special investigations.

SERGIO BRULE DIAZ, half brother of PEDRO DIAZ, is working with FRANK FIORINI. The fact that SERGIO BRULE DIAZ is working as an investigator for FAR is an extremely confidential piece of information, known to a limited few. There is also an investigator known as GARCIA, who is employed by FAR.

Lieutenant RANDOLFO COSSIO, who is also the Cuban Air Force liaison man assigned to Miami, has an office with [redacted]

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[redacted] of Aerodex, Incorporated. This office is located on 36th Street, immediately west of the L. B. Smith Company. This office is used for business purposes and also by investigators working for FAR.

FAR investigators are primarily interested in the following items:

1. Movements of guns into Cuba or against Cuba.
2. Anti-Castro activities.
3. The dropping of anti-Castro leaflets and propaganda into Cuba by airplanes.
4. Individuals engaged in piloting planes, dropping leaflets, or taking people out of Cuba.

BOTELLC is conducting investigation concerning the plane or planes which have been used to drop propaganda into Cuba. During this coming weekend, he will notify FAR in Cuba immediately upon the departure of this plane from Miami, so that this plane can be shot down upon its arrival in Cuba. It is believed that this plane is a Piper Apache.

Some anti-CASTRO propaganda was dropped on the night of May 11th in Cuba. The plane which dropped this propaganda was a two-engine Piper Apache, and it was almost shot down. FAR has received orders to shoot down any plane coming in without authority which is suspected of dropping propaganda, such as "Tribuna", or other anti-CASTRO literature.

The CASTRO government is considerably upset about the fact that several boats have recently been stolen and some BATISTA followers have escaped to the United States on these boats. As a result, Commander JOSE MANUEL CASTANEIRA is in a very bad light with FIDEL CASTRO. CASTANEIRA is Chief of the Cuban Navy.

It is believed that ARMANDO HART, Minister of Education, will soon be replaced. His probable successor is unknown at this time. Cuban Air Force personnel have been staying at the Ankara Motel, Miami Beach, while on trips to Miami, because the owner, JACK PEARLMAN, is a close personal friend of MARCOS DIAZ and ALFREDO GUERRA. PEARLMAN and GUERRA and DIAZ plan to open a new factory soon in Havana. MARCOS DIAZ, ALFREDO GUERRA and a Captain HUGUET of FAR already own an aluminum window and door factory in Havana which they started up about three years ago. FRANK FIORINI is presently living at the Ankara Motel.

No specific plans concerning retaliation by the CASTRO regime against BATISTA adherents in the United States are known at this time. However, ROLANDO MASFERRER is considered the No. 1 "war criminal" in the United States, and DANIEL VAZQUEZ is considered the No. 2 "war criminal".

The Cuban government has^a/secret police organization which is commonly known as the "Secret Police". This organization is under the Ministry of Government. Its Chief is MARIO MARINO. This organization is primarily interested in the investigation of narcotics, drugs, other criminal offenses, and it performs investigations for the criminal judges. It operates only in Cuba.

The DIER has agents working in Miami, but their identities are unknown at the present time. Some of these individuals can be identified in the immediate future.

While on the FIDEL CASTRO trip to New York City, Major MARCOS DIAZ and Captain GUERRA made the acquaintance of a New York gangster named JACK LEVINE, who apparently thought that he could buy off these men for business advantages in Cuba. LEVINE arranged a big party for DIAZ and GUERRA at a New York hotel, furnished a supply of beautiful girls of easy virtue, and spent an estimated \$4,500.00 in entertainment. Neither DIAZ nor GUERRA fell for this scheme, although they accepted his entertainment.

An American, who has a calling card reflecting the following information, is in Havana: "National Detective Agency, Inc., Col. C. J. Smart, Account Executive, 615 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., DIstrict 7-7272". This person contacted an officer of FAR in Havana, offering to perform investigative services for FAR. His proposition was not accepted. He was carrying a bag with a tape recorder in it.

New War On Fidel Set Back

Cuban exiles in Miami Saturday readily acknowledged the seizure of an arms-laden plane has set back the timetable for a Dominican Republic-based counter-revolution against Fidel Castro.

At the same time Miami detectives hauled in four more Cubans, including a 23-year-old woman, for questioning in the second arms capture in two days.

Aroldo Hernandez Lueges, 23, of 2218 NE Second Ct., was arrested Saturday in a car loaded with 5,000 rounds of ammunition for old Italian rifles.

But two Castro army officers quickly came to his rescue. They claimed the ammunition was stockpiled by the 26th of July movement months ago and that Lueges was taking it back to Havana because he owned it.

Picked up with Lueges but released were his brother Fausto, 21; Roque Valdes Rodriguez, 55, of 225 SW 11th Ave., and Maima Elda Castillo, 23, of 227 SW 11th Ave.

Meanwhile, Cuba's defense minister charged in Havana that the seizure of the C-47 Friday loaded with arms is proof that Batista followers are planning a counter-revolution.

Thirteen persons, including the Dominican Republic's consul general, were arrested here in an alleged anti-Castro plot.

Pro-Batista sources in Miami said many weapons were already in the hands of an expeditionary force in Santo Domingo.

And the raid Friday, they said, simply postponed the invasion timetable from two weeks to a month.

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THE NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

Latin Rebels Infest Miami

● Rocking Castro's Boat. See Page 1B

By HAL HENDRIX

Miami News Latin America Editor

Revolutionary activity in the Caribbean area and in Central America is becoming increasingly like hot lava in a rumbling crater. Sputtering in one place. Smoking in another. And hidden elsewhere under a deceptively safe-looking crust.

Sitting uncomfortably in the shadow of this threatening volcano is Greater Miami, which has become a hub of intrigue for Latin American conspiracies.

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BECAUSE OF Miami's proximity to Cuba, much attention is naturally focused on recent unrest there. But the revolutionary pot also is boiling and bubbling in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

During the rebellion led by Fidel Castro against the Cuban dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista, many Latin Americans in jest referred to Miami as "rebel territory."

The jocular designation apparently still holds, but there

are new and more widely represented rebel forces at work here now.

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THE BIZARRE gun-running conspiracy exposed here Friday by U. S. Customs agents, who snared an incongruous crew of Dominican officials, Americans and Cubans with a plane and arms believed marked for an anti-Castro plot, rocketed Miami once again into international focus as a staging area for Latin turmoil.

Exactly who masterminded this latest revolutionary caper still is cloaked in mystery.

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FINGERS OF suspicion are being pointed at former Col. Jose Eleuterio Pedraza, who once served as Batista's chief of the national police in Cuba.

Pedraza reportedly now is in Ciudad Trujillo, capital of the Dominican Republic. The C-74 Globemaster and armaments seized here were believed to have been destined for the Dominican Republic.

There have been unconfirmed reports in Miami that Pedraza has been training a group of Cuban revolutionaries in the Dominican Republic for a possible future at-

tack against the Castro regime in Cuba.

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PEDRAZA ONCE was among a group of Cuban army officers ejected from Cuba by Batista in connection with an alleged conspiracy against the Cuban government. He then was chief of the Cuban army.

He later returned to Cuba and settled down on a farm in Camaguey Province. During the Castro-led revolution one of Pedraza's sons was killed by rebel fighters and the former colonel became deeply embittered against the Castro forces.

In the final weeks of the war against the Batista regime, the former dictator called Pedraza back to duty. When the dictatorship collapsed a short time later and Batista fled to the Dominican Republic, Pedraza went with him.

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THERE HAVE been rumors in Miami recently that Pedraza visited here clandestinely within the past three weeks for

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a brief conference with Batista sympathizers.

In a downtown restaurant frequented by this element a hand-written sign appeared on a wall recently which said: "Pedraza is The Man."

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SALVADOR DIAZ-VERSON, Cuban newspaperman-in-exile, who has formed a movement called the "Revolutionary Anti-Communist Crusade," and Rafael del Pino, young Cuban-American who heads an unrelated "Anti-Communist Movement of The Americas," both disclaimed any knowledge of the new incident.

Considerable surprise is being expressed among Latins here that an official of the Dominican Republic's diplomatic service would openly participate in a gun-smuggling scheme aimed at another nation.

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THOSE ARRESTED by the Customs agents included Augusto Ferrando, Dominican consul-general. He was charged with conspiracy to bribe Customs agents and conspiracy to ship arms illegally. He was released under \$25,000 bond.

Ferrando's vice-consul, Jose Paulino, was arrested as a material witness.

Observers here reason that neither official would have risked participation in this plot without the blessing of their home office and the man who runs it — Generalissimo Rafael Leonidas Trujillo, the Dominican dictator.

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PUZZLEMENT ALSO is expressed over why the seized arms were being smuggled to the Dominican Republic — assuming this was their actual destination.

During the Cuban revolution, Trujillo sold rifles and

ammunition to Batista. The weapons were manufactured in a Dominican factory.

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LATINS HERE wonder why, if Trujillo approved of Batista forces obtaining arms now, Trujillo just didn't provide them from Dominican stocks.

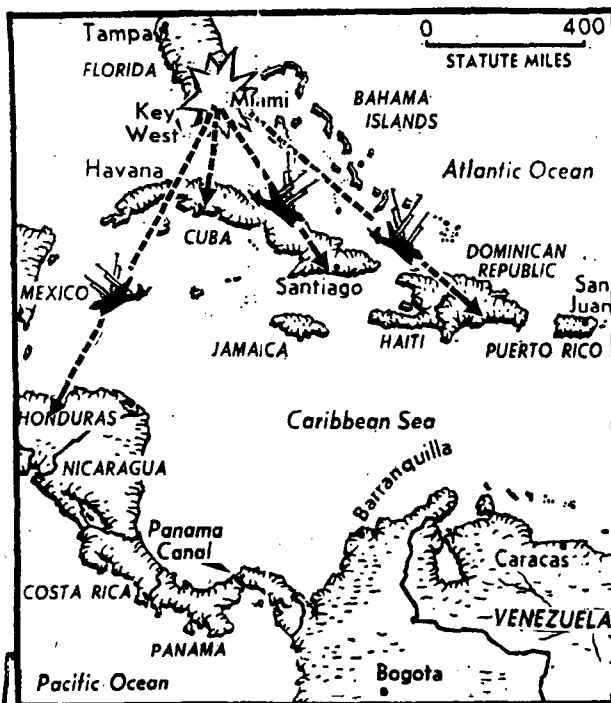
Also puzzling to observers here is why such a large plane was being used to move such a relatively small ship-

ment of armaments. The C-74 is large enough to hold as many as 200 troops.

The arms cargo seized by the U. S. agents included only 17 machine guns, 38 Garand rifles, parts for 20 carbines and 200,000 rounds of ammunition.

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THE PLANE itself is believed to be one of 11 purchased recently as surplus from the Air Force by a



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Cleveland industrialist. The Miami News reported a week ago that the planes were earmarked for Cuban buyers. Reports subsequently published elsewhere in Miami termed the Cuban sale "poppycock."

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MUCH OF THE revolutionary uneasiness is traceable to topsy-turvy Cuba, where Castro has held a virtual "open house" for numerous rebellion-bent exile groups, including even Spanish Republicans.

With several threatened, there already has been one eruption stemming from Cuba — the idiotic and ill-fated invasion attempt against Panama by Panamanian and Cuban rebels last month.

Since Castro welcomed Haitian exiles and offered them guerrilla training facilities, the government of President Francois Duvalier in Haiti has been on tenterhooks.

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THE DOMINICAN Republic has armed itself to the teeth in anticipation of an attack from Cuba-backed Dominican exiles. Generalissimo Trujillo has declared that "beards and heads will fly like butterflies" if invaders move against him.

Guatemala's President Miguel Ydigoras Fuentes has claimed twice recently that invasion forces are moving toward his country from Cuban shores. His cries, however, are discounted by many observers as only a ruse to take the heat off his internal problems.

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BUT THERE still is possibility of revolt in Guatemala. There is growing resentment and opposition to President Ydigoras.

In neighboring Honduras there have been at least three rebellious sputterings since Jan. 1.

G-Men 'Joined' Plot

Cloak-and-Dagger Arms Story Told

By DOM BONAFEDE

Herald Staff Writer

How two G-men masqueraded as members of an international band of gun runners, and lived only a breath away from discovery, was unfolded Saturday along with the inside story of the smugglers' arrest.

The story is punctuated with clandestine meetings and furtive schemes, with a cast including a soldier marked for death, an aviatrix in skin-tight fore-andor pants, a policeman accused of having a side interest in intrigue.

And at the end of a labyrinth of leads stretching from California to the Caribbean was the airport arrest Friday of 11 men and a woman, accused as gun-runners in a conspiracy to arm the enemies of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

Supporting speculation that the plot was aimed at Castro was the fact that one of those held is Pedro Santana, a former army officer during the regime of ousted dictator Fulgencio Batista.

Santana has twice been condemned to die by the rebels but escaped the firing squad by fleeing to Key West aboard a motor cruiser.

The deception played by Customs Agents Wallace Shanley and William Lankford and how they spent the harrowing time lag just before the plot's exposure was described by Chief Customs Agent Joseph Fortier.

For several hours before dawn Friday federal agents lost Lankford's trail while he rode with some of the others in a truck loaded with arms and ammunition.

For two months, other customs agents had protected Shanley and Lankford by keeping them under constant surveillance.



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But now they had to sweat it out. If Lankford's role was discovered while he was left unguarded, there was no telling what desperate men might do.

"Finally, after riding around," Fortier recalled, "we spotted the truck; it was en route to the plane."

At the airport there was a long delay while preparations for loading the "cargo" took place and the en-

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Cloak and Dagger Story Of Arms Capture Revealed

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gines of the huge C-74 were being checked out.

Then when the plane was half loaded, the federal men closed in.

"The woman (Virginia Bland) was there and we almost didn't pick her up," Fortier recounted.

"She was out getting coffee. When she returned she started to climb into the plane. We tried to chase her out but she protested, claiming she was the co-pilot."

"That's when we arrested her."

In contrast to the drab garb of her 11 male companions, the comely divorcee lent color to the scene with her black treader pants and yellow blouse.

The series of secret events leading to the mass arrests started last March, Fortier disclosed.

At that time Leonard Trento, a 35-year-old Newark, N.J., businessman approached Stanley.

"After asking leading questions he inquired whether Stanley would be willing to give the people he represented protection since they would be

involved in a million dollar deal," Fortier said.

Shanley immediately informed his department superiors and a plan was set up to keep the gang under watch. Also, it was decided that for Stanley's safety he would bring in Agent Lankford to pose as his accomplice."

From March until last Friday when the big transport loaded with \$25,000 worth of arms and ammunition was seized at Miami International Airport, the two agents and members of the gang held several hush-hush meetings.

These, Fortier said, were held in restaurants, on street corners and at the Dominican Consulate at 1038 Brickell Ave.

Ringleaders of the plot, according to Fortier, were Miami Policeman Joseph Liquori, Dominican Consul Augusto Ferrando and Trento. Consul Ferrando paid the agents \$1,400 in bribes in two payments.

During the secret meetings, which were usually held at night, the agents learned that the arms were purchased in New York and the ammunition in California. They were bought through legitimate channels and shipped to Miami by truck.

For the last several weeks the huge arsenal of arms and ammunition had been stored in a NW Seventh Avenue warehouse in Liquori's name.

"Every time Stanley and Lankford met with the gang we had other federal agents guarding them," Fortier continued.

"At times the situation became tense and delicate . . . but we knew every move they made . . . this information would then be related to (U.S. District Attorney James) Guilmartin."

After the preliminary steps were taken and the contraband weapons assembled and safely stored, the plotters laid plans to put their handiwork into action.

Liquori was sent to the Dominican Republic, returning to Miami Wednesday with final instructions.

"He apparently had a substantial order and was anxious to get it out," Fortier commented.

"The original plans called for the stuff to sail on a Dominican banana boat -- but at the last minute a switch was made and it was decided to send it by plane," Fortier added.

He said the C-74 was made available to the gun-runners by Dominick E. Bartone, listed as owner of the plane.

"Bartone wanted to sell them the plane and this was tentatively agreed upon if he

took the stuff out for them," Fortier said.

For several hours prior to takeoff time the federal agents and the smugglers played cat and mouse.

"We had men down at the docks watching the banana boat and others were staked out at the airport," Frontier reported.

"Shanley was assigned by the gang to guard the plane and Lankford went with the truck."

The suspense over Lankford's whereabouts and the early morning ride followed.

Providing further background was Charles Lewis, president of the American Airplane Corp., an aircraft overhaul and maintenance company.

Lewis said his firm had flown the plane to Miami from Havana and that it had been at his hangars about 10 days.

"They had a ferry permit to fly to Puerto Rico to check out the plane and show it to prospective buyers," he said.

The plane was registered under Akros Dynamics Corp., of Cleveland, with Bartone listed as the agent.

"We didn't know, of course, what they were up to," Lewis continued, "but on the morning of the flight they asked if they could borrow a fork lift and an operator to load spare parts on the plane."

"There was no attempt to camouflage the boxes; they were plainly marked guns and ammunition. You could see it half a mile away."

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[REDACTED] who is formerly identified as
"CHICKEN" is not this person. "CHICKEN" has been positively
identified as [REDACTED] He was identified when
he exhibited his pilot's license which he recently obtained
from CAA, Miami. [REDACTED] plans to have a meeting with
ROLANDO MASFERRER in the near future at which time he will
offer his services to MASFERRER. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Miami, Fla., was advised by MASFERRER

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that he is sending food and money to Cuba to his former friends and associates there. [] said that he doesn't know if MASFERRER has any money, but he is capable of getting as much as he needs.

[] was in contact the past two days with [] who doesn't seem interested in any further action than propaganda. [] is losing his support and whatever following he had.

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[] is ashamed to see [] inasmuch as he promised to pay [] expenses to and in Washington, D. C. and has not done so.

[] stated that a long time ago, sometime after MASFERRER's arrival in Miami, [] had a meeting with MASFERRER; several days later [] went to see MASFERRER and received \$3,000.00 or \$4,000.00 to which [] later admitted receiving \$1,000.00. The money was to be spent on Anti-CASTRO activity.

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MASFERRER later became unhappy because [] used the money, but had no other action than issuing press releases stating CASTRO was a Communist. MASFERRER subsequently

refused to give [] any more money. MASFERRER gave [] the name of General FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, former Chief of Staff of the Cuban Army, residing in West Palm Beach, Florida. [] contacted him and received some money, however, TABERNILLA will not donate any more.

Everybody is angry about [] activities in Washington. They say he was a complete failure. [] told [] that he was going to New York City on May 1, 1959, to contact some Peruvian who is interested in Anti-Communist Activity.

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[] said that MASFERRER spoke of a plan he had to kill FIDEL CASTRO. The plan involved 3 P51 airplanes, each having a 500 lb. bomb. When CASTRO gave a speech out in the open in Cuba, 3 P51s would come in and bomb him. COBA did not know if MASFERRER still has this plan in effect. MASFERRER told [] that he would not give [] any further money because the revolution had progressed beyond that point. MASFERRER did not further state what he meant.

[] offered to sell MASFERRER arms and ammunition to which MASFERRER laughed and said he has all he needs and has the whole Dominican Republic at his disposal.

MASYERRER told [] that as soon as three barbudos
from Cuba set foot on the Dominican Republic, the Anti- b7C
CASTRO forces there would launch an expedition against Cuba.

Legat, Mexico

May 26, 1959

Director, FBI (109-584)

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ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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Mexico will promptly check with its sources and informants for all pertinent information concerning the activities of Cuban exiles in Mexico aimed at the overthrow of the Castro regime.

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The continued turmoil and unsettled condition in Latin America particularly the numerous allegations that Cuba will be invaded by anti-Fidel Castro forces makes the prompt reporting of information concerning the activities of such groups essential. You should be especially alert for any indication that anti-Fidel Castro groups will invade Cuba from Mexico. Bear in mind that Castro launched his invasion of Cuba from Mexico.

Enclosure

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Miami, Florida
May 25, 1959

MEMO FOR FILE:

RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITY
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This will record that Senator GEORGE SMATHERS called me at 12:15 p.m., 5/25/59, and stated that he had been a long time friend of HERMAN BENNETT in the Miami area, whom he had found to be thoroughly reliable, and that BENNETT had brought to his office one [redacted] a Cuban who had served in the Batista regime as Judge Advocate of the Army. He said that [redacted] had considerable information relating to Cuban activities and that he, Senator SMATHERS, had been very interested in it. He wanted to know if we would like to get the information which [redacted] had. He said he felt it was in the nature of good intelligence information. b7C

I informed Senator SMATHERS that we most certainly would be interested in talking to [redacted] and the Senator said that Mr. BENNETT and [redacted] would come to this office on the afternoon of 5/25/59.

I immediately notified Supervisor ALBAUGH, who supervises Cuban matters, of the above plans. I notified the receptionist to insure these men were referred promptly in order that they could be thoroughly interviewed.

As soon as we have talked to [redacted] and Mr. BENNETT, a letter should be directed to Senator SMATHERS, thanking him for directing them to this office, and the Bureau should be advised of the action which has transpired.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

May 26, 1959

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Re: Foreign Political Matters - Cuba

[redacted] New York City, who has many contacts in Cuba, advised on May 23, 1959 that she received a telephone call from Enrique Cabre, who is connected with the new Cuban government and is handling many of the details regarding the new Agrarian Reform law. [redacted] advised that Cabre requested her to clip all articles printed in New York newspapers regarding comments made in the United States in connection with the Cuban Agrarian Reform program. b7C

[redacted] also advised that Cabre told her that the May 25, 1959 issue of "Hoy", the Communist Party newspaper published in Havana, made a violent attack on Premier Fidel Castro and criticized his actions. Cabre told [redacted] that Fidel Castro was quite perturbed about this action in publicly criticizing him and that Fidel Castro is now beginning to realize the problem of Communism in the country and the tremendous problem which it presents to the new Cuban government.

[redacted] on May 25, 1959, advised that there is being formed in Cuba an anti-Castro organization which is composed of members of the July 26th Movement, the Autentico Party and the Orthodox Party. [redacted] stated that as of the moment this organization has no name but it is being directed at the present time by Alberto Fernandez, head of the Sugar Institute, Havana, Cuba. [redacted] advised that she had obtained this information from Alberto Fernandez during her recent visit to Cuba from approximately May 1 to May 16, 1959. [redacted] advised that in addition to Fernandez, she also knows that Antonio "Tony" Varona, former Cuban Senator; Dr. Rufo Lopez Fresquet, Minister of Finance; Dr. Felipe Pazos, head of the Cuban National Bank; Humberto Sori Marin, Minister of Agriculture, and Dr. Jose Miro Cardona, former Prime Minister, are also working with Alberto Fernandez. b7C

[redacted] stated that Alberto Fernandez told her he still has two and a half million dollars in United States currency which he had collected in the United States during the recent revolution, and that he is also attempting to elicit the support of Haydee Santamaria Hart, wife of Armando Hart, Minister of Education, who also has two and a half million dollars in United

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States currency which she retained from the funds which she had collected for the July 26th Movement. [] stated that Fernandez told her that Haydee Santamaria is rather unstable at the present time and many people in Cuba believe she has had a nervous breakdown. Fernandez told [] that many times she has criticized Fidel Castro and his government and he is hoping that by his constant contacts with her he can win her over to their side and thus acquire the use of the funds which she holds in her possession. b7C

[] advised that Fernandez' plan is to obtain permission from Castro to form an opposition political party in Cuba similar to the manner in which the Communist Party was allowed to operate after the overthrow of the Batista government on January 1, 1959. Fernandez stated that he had planned to form an opposition party which would be loyal to Fidel Castro but which would be strongly anti-Communist. Fernandez stated that they would have to create a political situation in Cuba whereby Fidel Castro would publicly have to come out either in support of or in opposition to the Communist Party. Fernandez feels that with the creation of such an incident it will force the hand of Raul Castro and Ernesto "Che" Guevara, who are alleged to be strongly in support of the Communists, to an open fight and create a crisis within the Castro government.

[] advised that from her contacts and various interviews in Cuba during May 1959, she ascertained that Major Camilo Cienfuegos, who is in command of Camp Libertad, is strongly anti-Communist and is most resentful of certain individuals who are surrounding Fidel Castro. [] stated that the opposition feel that they can get the support of Cienfuegos and members of the rebel army if it comes to the point of making a decision between democracy and Communism in Cuba. [] also stated that in addition to the individuals mentioned above, Enrique Cabre and Captain Jesus Yanes Pelletier, military aide to Castro, are also in support of Alberto Fernandez and his opposition party.

[] further stated that in one of her conversations with Enrique Cabre, Cabre told her that Fidel Castro had confided to him that during his, Castro's, recent visit to the United States, he, Castro, realized that his most powerful enemies were immediately

surrounding him, indicating that he was cognizant of the Communist element within his government. [] also advised that it was common knowledge among the military and people with whom she had spoken in Havana that 90% to 95% of the Cuban Navy is against the present government of Fidel Castro.

[] also advised that Alberto Fernandez will accept Fidel Castro as the leader of their movement but only if Castro is stripped of his power. [] stated that despite the economic and internal problems in Cuba, Fidel Castro still commands a large following of the people, but pointed out that the upper and middle classes of the Cuban population have now deserted Castro and that Castro's followers and staunch supporters are the "street mobs" and Communist-inspired labor people. [] stated that upon Fidel Castro's arrival at Rancho Boyeros, Havana, Cuba, after his return from his visit to the United States, Canada and South America, 75% of the people who met him at the airport were negro and categorized as the "street mob". She stated that the representative people of the Cuban population were absent and that only the government people who had to be present were at the airport to greet him. b7C

[] stated that she had attended many parties during her visit to Cuba and that there was much criticism of the United States government among the people who were of the middle and upper classes. [] stated that the criticism of the United States was over the lack of a definite policy toward the Castro government and the impending problem of Communism confronting the Cuban people. She stated she had heard from several groups, identities of individuals not recalled, who referred to the United States as a tired old democracy which was big in talk but small in action. She stated that it was a revealing situation to her to see that the British government was doing the most in Cuba and that the British government was doing everything in its power to protect property belonging to British subjects while the United States and United States State Department, according to Cubans, was doing nothing.

[] also stated that from these conversations she also ascertained that Fidel Castro knows that he cannot survive in Cuba without the assistance of the United States, and that the

people of Cuba who also know this fact cannot understand why the United States has not taken a definite stand in the question regarding Communist infiltration into the new Cuban government.

[] stated that the people of Cuba to whom she spoke, which was a good cross-section of the people, are tired and worn out after this long struggle. She stated that the people in Cuba during January 1959 were jubilant and energetic and had great plans for the future of their country after having the yolk of Batista taken from their shoulders, but that with the developments of the past months they are once again disturbed and discouraged because they have not seen or heard one word of encouragement from the United States Government.

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[] also stated that she had heard from Alberto Fernandez and people of his type that the United States was losing prestige among Latin American countries. These individuals had told [] that other Latin American countries are looking at the Cuban situation to see how the United States reacts to the upheaval within the country and will form their judgment regarding the United States from whatever action the United States decides to take in dealing with Cuba.

Concerning the July 26th Movement, it is noted that this movement was founded by Fidel Castro, Cuban Prime Minister, who led an unsuccessful attack against the Moncada Barracks on July 26, 1953, from whence this organization has taken its name.

Concerning the Autentico Party and the Orthodox Party, it is noted that these are two recognized political parties in Cuba

The May 25, 1959 issue of the "New York World Telegram and Sun", All Sports Final, on page 2, under the column headed "The World Over", carried an item reflecting that "Hoy", the Havana Communist newspaper, claimed 4,000 people have joined the Communist Party in Cuba since January 1, 1959. "Hoy" stated that the Communist Party membership in Cuba was now estimated at 12,000 and this figure represented a 33% increase in membership since Fidel Castro's "Barbudos" overthrew the government of ex-President Fulgencio Batista. "Hoy" also claimed, according to this article, that the Communist Party had established 3,000 cells throughout the country.

The same edition of the "New York World Telegram and Sun", on page 18, carried the first of a series of articles written by Leon Dennen, who recently won an Overseas Press Club citation this year for distinguished analysis of foreign affairs, which is entitled "A Fair Look at Cuba".

This article stated that Fidel Castro's first year is hardly half over and he has twin threats of chaos and Communism. Dennen stated that he spoke to Cubans in all walks of life and that his conclusions regarding these items are as follows:

1) Cuba faces widespread economic distress and disorder and Castro and his key officials have shown no capacity to deal with them.

2) Cuba is fumbling weakly for a way out of political chaos as Castro has put off the prospect of free elections and dabbles in sketchily drawn policies.

3) Communists have been given a wide open door although Castro denies any link to them; they undercut his revolution in many ways and are making ready to capture his revolution when disorder dictates the proper moment.

Dennen stated that the Communists have already infiltrated the army, labor unions, and second echelon government posts. Dennen in this article also stated that during his visit to Cuba he found Red Chinese and Russian agents already on the scene in Cuba and stated that these dangers are not merely Cuba's alone but also are real dangers to the United States.

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Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (109-112-210)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (109-112)

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Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau are 13 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information recently received from [redacted] NYC.

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[redacted] advised that in conversation with ENRIQUE CABRE, CABRE requested [redacted] to contact S [redacted] of the NYO to determine whether or not he would be permitted to re-enter the United States legally as a result of his arrest by the Border Patrol, Miami, Florida, during latter part of 1957. CABRE also requested the return of two letters which were on his person among other papers at the time of his arrest and which were maintained by the Border Patrol, Miami, Florida. CABRE told [redacted] that these letters, contents unknown to [redacted] are most important to him. CABRE also stated that if the FBI could have these papers returned to him he would be ever grateful.

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The Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of attempting through Border Patrol, Miami, Florida, to return the requested letters to CABRE. It is pointed out that CABRE was interviewed by SA [redacted] on 4/24/59 during CASTRO's visit to the U.S. From this interview it was

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apparent that ENRIQUE CABRE was not entirely sure of the direction the new Cuban Government was taking, and stated that when he returned to Cuba and saw that the Communists were further seizing power, he would leave and join in opposition to the present Cuban Government.

The Bureau's attention is further directed to the fact that [] stated that CABRE told her that he had contacted the U.S. Embassy regarding the return of these letters three months ago, but has not received any action as of the present time. The NYO feels that if the Bureau can do anything to hasten the return of these letters requested by CABRE, he could prove to be of invaluable assistance to the Legat, Havana.

The Bureau's attention is directed to contents of b7C enclosed memorandum wherein [] advised that FERNANDEZ was in the possession of minute details of their proposed plan of action against the CASTRO Government. [] advised that FERNANDEZ was going to turn over all details of this anti-CASTRO plan to SA [] [] advised it was the result of FERNANDEZ' interview with U.S. Ambassador PHILIP BONSAL regarding the obtaining of a visa for the Mayor of Bayamo that FERNANDEZ stated that it was no use asking the U.S. for any favors since they would not go out of their way to assist the Cubans. [] stated as a result FERNANDEZ said he would not turn these plans over to [] since he felt the U.S. was not interested.

The Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of having [] contact FERNANDEZ regarding the furnishing of the plans in his possession to the Legat, Havana.

Batista: It's A Lie, Not Buying Arms

By MILT SOSIN

Staff Writer of The Miami News

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, May 25 — Fulgencio Batista, who twice made himself dictator of Cuba, said today he wants nothing more than to live quietly in Daytona Beach.

Batista expressed amazement when he was told accused gun-runners seized in Miami said they were flying weapons to him for an invasion of Cuba.

"It's a lie," he snapped.

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"There has been enough blood spilled in Cuba. I will not be party to any counter-revolution.

"I am not buying arms, and I am not in contact with anyone engaged in counterrevolutionary activities."

Batista, who came here Jan. 1 when Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba, lives quietly in an apartment in the Jaragua Hotel. His veranda overlooks a beautiful winding drive something like the Malecon in Havana.

A Miami News reporter found him unshaven and wearing a wine colored silk dressing gown and slippers.

Batista explained he had been working until 5 a.m. on his autobiography, and had been awakened for the interview after only a few hours sleep.

No Mention Of Seizure

Newspapers and radio stations here have not mentioned the seizure in Miami Friday of 12 persons who are accused of conspiring to smuggle arms to Cubans in the Dominican Republic.

Batista said he had heard nothing of it.

Told that the Dominican consul in Miami, Auguste Ferrando, had been arrested as a leader in the plot, Batista whistled expressively.

"I'm sick of killing," he said.

"All I want to do is to be together with my family in the United States and live in peace. You know my son Robert was born in Daytona Beach."

Batista said he intended to apply for a visa after things have quieted down a little, adding that he hoped to live permanently in Daytona Beach.

He said reports in Cuba that he left the country with millions of dollars were untrue.

"I have enough to live on for awhile," Batista said, "but I don't know if I have enough for the rest of my life."

The fallen dictator said he was shocked by the executions carried out by Castro forces, and he seemed particularly touched by the death of Jesus Sosa Blanco, one of his top military aides.

Batista wiped his eyes when he spoke of Sosa Blanco's execution.

Castro, he said, is a Communist and is surrounded by Communists. But Batista did not claim to be faultless.

"In the pressures of the times," he said, "there were excesses on both sides."



PHILIP W. BONSAI
Summoned Home

Havana Ex-Mayor Likes Miami Now

By GEORGE SOUTHWORTH
Herald Latin America Editor

The fiery little former mayor of Havana who once said "Miami is an undesirable place for Cubans who are not gangsters or bums" is now living in Miami — and he's glad to be here.

In exile along with many other former Batista supporters, ex-Mayor Justo Luis Pozo, 70, now lives with his family in a modest rented home on Key Biscayne.

"But if the same Cubans were here now that were here in 1957, I'd say the same thing again," Pozo said Monday. "It wasn't safe here when Fidel Castro's boys were running loose in Miami."

Pozo made his blast against his new hometown back in September, 1957, when he was still mayor of Havana.

Upset by news that his son Rolando had been beaten, burned, and robbed in a Miami Beach hotel, Pozo publicly urged a tourist boycott of Miami — which was, after all, the wrong city.

But in April, 1958, when a Batista official, Rodolpho Masferrer, was beaten within Miami city limits, Pozo quickly dusted off his old charges and hurled them anew.

He quoted Cuban arrivals from Miami as reporting an "alarming picture of gangsterism" in Miami and blamed city authorities for "manifest indifference . . . (and) . . . ignoring minimum responsibilities."



A quick goodwill trip to Havana by Miami Mayor Robert King High a few days later seemed to subdue the hot-tempered Pozo.

Less than a year later, after taking refuge in Havana's Paraguayan embassy, then fleeing to Paraguay and then Brazil, Pozo found himself in the city he had criticized so bitterly.

"I am through with public life forever," said Pozo, who has served as a representative, senator, cabinet minister, president of Congress, and six years as mayor of Havana.

Pozo, who arrived here five weeks ago with his wife and three sons, Rolando, Luis and Ada, feels that Miami may have already paid him back for his by-gone blasts against the city.

On arrival here, he fell in his bathtub and fractured three ribs.

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Protest Loss of Land

Cuban Farmers Threaten Revolt

PINAR DEL RIO, Cuba — (UPI) — A group of farmers who grow leaf tobacco for Cuba's famous Havana cigars rose in protest Wednesday against Premier Fidel Castro's agrarian reform law which would deprive them of their lands.

Some 200 farmers, most of them modestly successful tobacco growers, threatened a "hunger march on Havana" and voted to resist land expropriation even if it cost them their lives.

"If we must, we are ready

to be led before firing squads to defend the inalienable right of private property," said Jose A. Navarro, former governor of Pinar del Rio Province and spokesman for the farmers.

"We farmers face a terrible alternative, but we must not allow our children to say, 'Aren't you sorry you lost what you did not defend in time?'"

Some of the younger men in the group threatened to take up arms against the government.

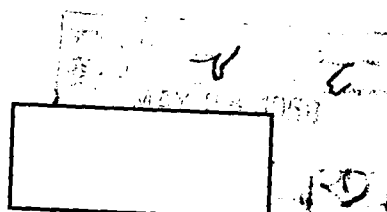
"I do not have enough money to take asylum in a foreign embassy," said Jose Blasica, one of the young farmers, "but I have enough courage to go to the mountains (rise in revolt) if necessary to defend my right to legitimate acquired property."

Pinar del Rio Province — the western tip of Cuba — grows most of the island's famed leaf tobacco, but is the least wealthy of Cuba's provinces. In the last two months it has been the scene of increasing sabotage as the closing of several large tobacco companies worsened the unemployment problem.

Maj. Dermidio Escalona, military commandant of the province, assured its people in a broadcast Tuesday that Castro had promised him that 15 million dollars would be appropriated to ease its economic problems.

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RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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On 5/11/59, [] who has offices at [] Miami, telephone number [] advised that on the previous Saturday, at 8:30 P. M., 6,000 copies of "Tribuna" had been dropped by airplane over Cuba. Two or three Cuban planes gave unsuccessful pursuit.

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With regard to a radio program scheduled over Station WMIE, Miami, under auspices of the "Movement Anti-Communist Latin America," [] reported that this series of broadcasts had been cancelled by [] manager of the station, on the grounds that the program is controversial. [] said that he had received information from Cuban contacts to the effect that [] had been intimidated by [] Restaurant, Miami, and [] a Cuban, residing in Miami.

On 5/13/59, [] advised that he planned to start up another program over another station, in an effort to fight Communism.

[] said that he had learned from these Cuban contacts that MANOLO DUCHESNE, a Cuban, who formerly lived on the other side of the Iron Curtain, had been appointed as Adjutant to RAUL CASTRO, brother of FIDEL CASTRO.

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[] stated that he and the individuals associated with him, including ROLANDO MASFERRER, in the "movement Anti-Communist Latin Americans" desired to obtain some assurance from the United States State Department, concerning United States policy and attitude toward the Cuban situation. [] said that neither he nor his associates wanted to do anything, which would be against the interests of the United States Government, and at the same time, they desired to combat Communism. [] said that he could arrange a meeting between appropriate officials representing Guatemala, the State Department and MASFERRER. [] was informed that he should contact the representatives of the United States State Department if he desired to discuss policy, and he was furnished the name of Mr. FRANK WATERSON, Security Officer, State Department, Miami, as an appropriate individual to contact.

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[] disclosed that he himself is motivated by two things; (1) anti-Communism, (2) a desire to obtain real estate investments on a commission basis in return for his assistance with MASFERRER and other anti-Communist Cubans residing in the United States.

On the following day, Mr. FRANK WATERSON advised that he had conferred with [] after receiving information offered by [] along with [] request concerning United States policy, he told [] that he would refer the matter to the United States State Department in Washington for consideration.

On 5/18/59, [] advised that the movement anti-Communist Latin America was starting a new program beginning the following Thursday, over Radio Station WMET, Miami, each

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day from 7:30 to 8:00 P. M., #1940 on the dial, to run five days a week, Monday through Friday, for thirty minutes, ten minutes of which would be in Spanish and twenty minutes in English.

Also, on 5/18/59, [] disclosed that he and his associates have acquired a P-51 Airplane to be used in dropping literature and other propaganda such as "Tribuna" over Cuba.

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[]
Special Agent

DIRECTOR, FBI (109-584)

5/27/59

SAC, NEW YORK (105-35253)

ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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[redacted] (protect), [redacted]
[redacted] NYC, on May 19, 1959, advised that
there was a clandestine radio station in operation in
Las Villas Province, Cuba, which is in opposition to
the CASTRO Government. [redacted] stated that he had
heard this broadcast in NY on 5/18/59, around 11:00 pm,
via short wave radio, 40 megacycles.

[redacted] advised that he could not hear the
program too clearly, but was able to identify the
name of the radio station which identified itself as
Accion Revolucionaria Laborista. [redacted] stated that
on this broadcast it was announced that there was a
secret trial taking place in Miami of a former official
of the Cuban Government of BATISTA. [redacted] advised
that the identity of this official was not disclosed,
nor were any other details given as to the identity of the
CASTRO officials conducting this trial or the place in
Miami where the trial was allegedly taking place.
[redacted] stated that if he received any information
concerning this matter, he would immediately notify
the NYO.

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Above submitted for information of the Bureau
and Miami.

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TO: Director, FBI [REDACTED] (c)

FROM: SAC, Miami (105-1742-231) (c)

[REDACTED] *[Signature]*

ReBuairtel 5/19/59.

It is believed contact with the following
individuals in the Miami area would result in informa-
tion of value to the Bureau:

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1. General PILAR GARCIA GARCIA, [REDACTED]
Beach, Florida
2. General FRANCISCO TABERNILLA y DOLZ, 136 Everglades
Ave., Palm Beach.
3. [REDACTED], Palm Beach.
4. Colonel ORLANDO PIEDRA NEGUERUELA, 618 N.E. 10th
Ave., Ft. Lauderdale.
5. [REDACTED], Miami.
6. ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS, [REDACTED]
Miami.
7. [REDACTED]
Miami.
8. JUSTO LUIS POZO DEL PUERTO, 725 N.E. 24th St., Miami.

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Miami is interested in reported plans re

1. Unification of anti-FIDEL CASTRO forces in Cuba and outside of Cuba
2. Formation of expeditionary force in Dominican Republic to assault Cuba.
3. Formation of expeditionary force in Cuba to assault
 1. Dominican Republic
 2. Nicaragua.

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Agents in Miami whom informant may contact are
[redacted] and [redacted]

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Miami, Florida
May 29, 1959

MEMO, SAC

RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO MOVEMENT
IS - CUBA

On 5/3/59, [] telephone [] advised that he had received information from [] telephone [] to the effect that an invasion of Cuba, spear-headed by Colonel ORLANDO PIEDRA, was scheduled to take place from a point unknown to [] PIEDRA allegedly alerted [] for 5/20/59, as the date of this invasion.

[] said that [] was formerly a medical doctor for the Cuban National Police, and also was Foreign Affairs Liaison Officer for the Cuban Police. b7C b7D

On 5/4/59, [] advised that he had received an indirect offer from Colonel ORLANDO PIEDRA to go along with this invasion, which will probably leave from either Tampa, Florida, or from the Florida Keys. [] possessed no specific information at that time.

On 5/14/59, [] advised that EDUARDO HERNANDEZ, former Cuban Consul General, and his wife, Mrs. HERNANDEZ, had been guests at his home on the previous Friday. During the course of that evening, HERNANDEZ asked [] if he was in a position to obtain arms in case of a counter revolution against CASTRO. [] said that he replied "what will I get out of it," whereupon HERNANDEZ stated "you will be taken care of." HERNANDEZ then went on to say that

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the situation was under control and that he would later get in touch with [] concerning this matter.

[] said that, in his opinion, EDUARDO HERNANDEZ has aspirations to become president of Cuba, and that HERNANDEZ is backed by Colonel PIEDRA and General FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, of West Palm Beach. [] said that HERNANDEZ has convinced PIEDRA and TABERNILLA that he can get away with the movement of the necessary arms and ammunitions from the United States, through his connections with local Federal and State Police Agencies.

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[] said that Cubans who are being smuggled into Miami present themselves to HERNANDEZ, and HERNANDEZ takes them to U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service or the Border Patrol for appropriate action, and that this procedure has convinced PIEDRA and TABERNILLA that HERNANDEZ does have an "in".

[] said that he has notified the U. S. Customs Service concerning the above information.

[] said that he has also notified Customs to the effect that some arms are presently being shipped from the United States to the Dominican Republic. Also, that Generalissimo TRUJILLO is billing Former President BATISTA, of Cuba, to the tune of \$100,000 a month for his privilege of remaining in the Dominican Republic. [] said that this information is based upon conversation he has had with []

one million dollars

[] said that he had also had a recent conversation with [] This occurred about three weeks ago, at which time [] exhibited to [] a letter of credit, payable to JOE LIQUORI of the Miami Police Department for machine gun barrels. This letter

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of credit was drawn on the First National Bank of Miami, for the sum of either \$2500.00 or \$3000.00, for guns to be delivered to the Dominican Republic. This bill of lading was in the nature of a "ocean bill of lading," which had been validated by the Dominican Consul in Miami. [] said that he also notified United States Customs concerning this matter.

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[] said that he has received information, which leads him to believe that [] and [] of the Miami Police Department are on the payroll of HERNANDEZ. [] said that he had personally seen [] at the home of EDDIE HERNANDEZ.

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[]
Special Agent

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Date

5/26/59

SAC: Miami Field Office

Re: Anti-Fidel Castro Activities

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cc.

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Director, FBI

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SAC, Miami (105-1747)

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ReBulet May 27, 1959.

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (109-11)

ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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OO: Miami

Re San Francisco letter to the Director dated April 10, 1959.

[redacted] San Francisco, California, is acquainted with several former members of the July 26 Movement of San Francisco. He has furnished reliable information in the past and his identity should be concealed, if information furnished by him is disseminated outside the Bureau.

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[redacted] advised on May 1, 1959 that none of the Cubans in the San Francisco area are engaging in anti-Fidel Castro activities.

[redacted] San Francisco, is acquainted with numerous Cubans in San Francisco. He has furnished reliable information in the past and his identity should be concealed, if information furnished by him is disseminated. He advised on May 4, 1959 that there is no anti-Fidel Castro activity in the San Francisco area.

In view of the above, this matter is being RUC'd.

Regular contact is being maintained with the above sources and if positive information is received, it will be furnished immediately to the Bureau and Miami.

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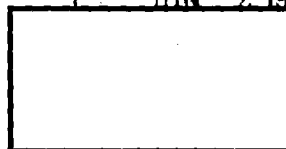
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AIRMAIL

TO: Director, FBI (109-12-210)

FROM: SAC, Miami (105-1747)

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA
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ReBuairtel 5/29/59.

On 5/3 and 4/59 [redacted]
Miami, a private investigator and former arms dealer, who has furnished some reliable information in the past, but who has a propensity to exaggerate and to draw erroneous conclusions from limited facts, advised that a Cuban doctor, [redacted] Miami, disclosed to him that Col. ORLANDO PIEDRA was scheduled to spearhead an invasion of Cuba on or about May 20, last.

[redacted] said he had been led to believe this invasion would take place from either Tampa, Florida or the Florida Keys. b7C b7D

[redacted] was requested to attempt to obtain more specific details concerning this matter. On 5/14/59 he recontacted this office but possessed no additional information. He has reported no additional information since 5/14/59.

[redacted] said that [redacted] was formerly a medical doctor for the Cuban National Police under BATISTA. Col. ORLANDO PIEDRA was formerly chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Cuban National Police. Both are presently exiled in this country.

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[] stated that he had already notified U.S. Customs re the above. b7C

Miami alerted other sources and informants but was unable to obtain any confirmation of the above.

In connection with the seizure May 22 by U.S. Customs of a C-74 plane at Miami, along with a load of guns and the arrest of 11 persons, including the Dominican Consul General, Miami, U.S. Customs has disclosed that there was some talk about this plane departing from Tampa, instead of Miami, for the Dominican Republic, but this idea was rejected.

Resident Agents at Key West and Tampa today advised that they have received no information pertinent to this matter.

Miami possesses no specific corroboration.

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SAC: W. J. ... Field Office

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IN ARMS SEIZURE

'Trapped,' Says Plane's Owner

By JACK OSWALD

The accused operator of an arms smuggling plane asserted yesterday that a U. S. Customs agent insisted on putting guns aboard although he, the owner, wanted no part of the deal.

Dominick E. Bartone, a Cleveland aircraft broker, told The Miami News he was "entrapped" in the smuggling case broken by customs men Friday.

Bartone is awaiting arraignment on charges of conspiring to export arms without a license.

NABBED WITH 11 OTHERS

With 11 others, Bartone was arrested by government agents Friday as \$28,000 of arms and ammunition were being loaded aboard a plane at International Airport.

Agents said the material was destined for the Dominican Republic for use in a counter-revolution invasion of Cuba against Castro forces.

Joseph Fortier, supervising customs agent for the southeast, said his men pretended to go along with the plot for the purpose of uncovering it.

One of the alleged ringleaders of the gunrunners, Leonard Trento, approached customs agent William Shanley with a proposal he give protection in a million-dollar deal involving shipping goods out of the country.

CLOAK, DAGGER STORY

Shanley told his superiors the story. With fellow agent William Lankford, he was ordered to keep the gang under surveillance.

The cloak and dagger story reached its climax Thursday night when Dominican consul Augusto Ferando paid the agents \$1,400, Fortier said.

Bartone said he never had been implicated in Latin American politics nor in any arms deals. The

first time he had been in Miami or in the Caribbean area was three months ago, he said.

MET AGENT IN HOTEL

Several days ago, Bartone said, a ferry permit was obtained to take the plane to San Juan for 14 days of demonstrations in Puerto Rico.

Bartone's first contact with the scheme, he said, came Thursday night, when Lankford met him at his hotel. With Lankford was Joseph Liquori, Miami policeman, who was also arrested in the plot.

Lankford identified himself as a customs agent, representing a group of Cubans, and said he had "something unspecified" he'd like to ship out on the plane, Bartone said.

Bartone said he told Lankford his only interest was selling the planes.

WASN'T INTERESTED

Nevertheless, Lankford was at the airport Friday morning when Bartone met the plane crew there.

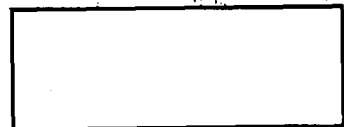
"He said he had a truck ready to load," Bartone said. "I insisted I still wasn't interested.

He left Lankford and went to have coffee with the plane crew.

"When we came out, this customs agent was putting boxes into the plane. Then a bunch of T-men came around and arrested people. I went over and said I owned the plane, then, and they arrested me, too."

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SAC: Miami Field Office

Re: anti-Fidel Castro Activities

by 105-1742

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Miami

DATE: June 3, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (109-584)

SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
IS - CUBA

105-1742

Your next monthly report summarizing anti-Fidel Castro activities should include the identity and members making up each anti-Fidel Castro group in the Miami area. Use separate heading for each group and include leaders, members, estimated strength, finances and any other pertinent information which may be available.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Miami March 30, 1959.

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will continue submission of a monthly report concerning captioned subject matter.

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All offices receiving copies of enclosed report should continue to send Miami copies of all communications relating to Anti-Fidel Castro Activities.

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Enclosed report does not include all information previously reported. Detailed information will be found in individual case files on persons and organizations mentioned in enclosed report, as follows:

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RAFAEL Del PINO
[REDACTED]
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ROLANDO MAS FERRER
FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, SR.
FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, JR.
[REDACTED]

CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS
FRANK PEREZ PEREZ
"Tribuna"
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JOSE LUIS PUJOL
SALVADOR PIEZ (ph)
ORLANDO PIEDRA
EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO
LEONARD TRENT
AGUSTO FERRANDO
JOHN ABBES
JULIO LAURENT

INFORMANTS

<u>IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS</u>	<u>LOCATION OF ORIGINAL INFORMATION</u>
[REDACTED] is	[REDACTED]
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report, and "T" symbols have been utilized only in those instances where identities must be concealed.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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File Number: MIAMI 105-1742 BUREAU 109-584

Title: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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Synopsis:

There reportedly exist four anti-CASTRO organizations: Pan American Anti-Communist Association - New York City; the Anti-Communist Movement of the Americas - Miami; White House - New York City; and the Movement Anti-Communist American and Latin Foundation, Inc. - Miami. Newspaper "Tribuna" is published weekly in Miami to inform Americans and Cubans concerning tyranny and Communism in Cuba. Copies of this newspaper are being dropped by air into Cuba. PEDRO DIAZ LANZ, Cuban Revolutionary Air Force, temporarily holds in abeyance plans for attempt to overthrow CASTRO Government. Former Cuban revolutionary organizations that helped CASTRO overthrow BATISTA contain elements now anti-CASTRO. As yet no formal unity established by the anti-CASTRO groups. ROLANDO MASFERRER, former Cuban Senator, reportedly planned to assassinate CASTRO. Plan considered abandoned. JOSE LUIS PUJOL desires to purchase airplanes and arms in U. S. for use against CASTRO Government. MASFERRER states has arms in Dominican Republic. There is reportedly a plan for invasion of Cuba from Dominican Republic. Miami Dominican Consul AGUSTO FERRANDO and 10 others arrested in Miami for conspiracy to bribe Customs Agents and illegally transport arms to Dominican Republic. AQUILES RECIO, Dominican Army Officer, desires to purchase arms and ammunition in the U. S. EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO reportedly contacted RAFAEL TRUJILLO and U. S. State Department concerning anti-CASTRO activity. FULGENCIO BATISTA reportedly considers anti-CASTRO

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Cubans in Dominican Republic as "riffraff", and if they overthrow CASTRO, the situation will be worse in Cuba than it is now.

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I. ORGANIZATIONS

Pan American Anti-Communist Association,
New York, New York

[redacted] on April 18, 1959, advised RAFAEL DEL PINO, head of an anti-FIDEL CASTRO movement, was in Washington, D. C. in April, 1959 to organize an anti-CASTRO publicity campaign to coincide with CASTRO's visit to Washington, D. C.

DEL PINO was getting aid from [redacted] Washington, D. C., registered agent of the governments of Nicaragua and Israel. [redacted] offered financial assistance to DEL PINO from a man known as "Don Luis", who was coordinating activities concerning anti-CASTRO pickets with PEDRO DE MESONES, President of the Pan American Anti-Communist Association of New York City.

A group of anti-CASTRO pickets from the Pan American Anti-Communist Association of New York City was in Washington, D. C. on April 20, 1959, and although PEDRO DE MESONES was not with them, the pickets were led by RAFAEL DERRIDO, who had been seen in Washington, D. C. with DE MESONES a few days prior to that date. While DERRIDO was in Washington, D. C., he received a telephone call in DAVIDSON's office from the Dominican Embassy; however, the informant did not know the nature of that call.

It is noted that RAFAEL ALEJANDRO DERRIDO was formerly the Dominican Vice Consul in New York City, and although he was dismissed from that position when it was learned that he is a citizen of the United States, it has been reported that he is still employed by the Dominican Consulate in New York City in an unknown capacity.

The informant stated that he did not know if this organization was anti-CASTRO or pro-TRUJILLO, or any of its future plans and activities.

Anti Communist Movement of the Americas
Miami, Florida

[redacted] on May 1, 1959, advised that [redacted]
[redacted] Miami, Florida,
had been contacting ROLANDO MASFERRER, former Cuban
senator who is considered a "war criminal" by the
present Cuban government.

MASFERRER advised [redacted] that he, MASFERRER,
had given financial backing to RAFAEL DEL PINO, head
of the Anti-Communist Movement of the Americas. The
original meeting between DEL PINO and MASFERRER was
attended by [redacted] This was shortly after MASFERRER's
arrival in Miami, Florida after the fall of the BATISTA
regime in Cuba on January 1, 1959. Several days after
the original meeting, DEL PINO returned to see MASFERRER
and received between three thousand and four thousand
dollars to be spent on anti-CASTRO activity. DEL PINO
later claimed that he only received one thousand dollars.

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MASFERRER later became disappointed and dis-
satisfied with DEL PINO, who had no other "action"
than having press conferences concerning Communism in
Cuba. Thereafter, MASFERRER discontinued support of
DEL PINO. However, MASFERRER did give DEL PINO the
name of General FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, former Chief of
Staff of the Cuban Army, presently residing in West
Palm Beach, Florida. DEL PINO contacted TABERNILLA
and obtained a money contribution for his anti-Communist
movement. However, at this time, TABERNILLA will furnish
no further financial support.

MASFERRER, TABERNILLA and other persons who
donated money to DEL PINO's movement are disappointed
about his anti-CASTRO campaign in Washington, D. C.
Everyone considers DEL PINO's activities in Washington,
D. C. a failure because they did not receive much
newspaper publicity, and there was a lack of demonstra-
tions against CASTRO. DEL PINO planned to leave Miami
on May 1, 1959 for New York City, where he would contact

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an unknown individual of Peruvian nationality who is interested in fighting Communism in the Americas.

DEL PINO did go to New York City, stayed about a week, and returned to Miami with some money. However, he has been spending the money on women and gracious living and apparently has had no further anti-CASTRO activity.

White Rose, New York, New York

On April 23, 1959, [redacted] Daytona Beach, Florida, advised that he had talked with [redacted] to Mrs. FULGENCIO BATISTA, wife of the former President of Cuba, and [redacted] claimed he had no information regarding the formation of any organization known as the White Rose.

BEN BRASS, personal attorney for former President BATISTA, advised he discussed the White Rose with Mrs. CARMEN GAMERO, former secretary to BATISTA, and Mrs. GAMERO stated she had never heard of any such organization.

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[redacted] advised that the residence at 129 North Halifax, Daytona Beach, Florida, the home of BATISTA, has very few visitors except a local dressmaker and local dress shop employees. No Cubans have been permitted to enter the residence except ALBERTO ARDURA, part owner of the Tropicana Night Club in Havana.

[redacted] stated that the above address is the residence of Mrs. BATISTA, but at the present time she is residing in Miami, Florida.

On April 15, 1959, [redacted] (protect), [redacted] Havana, Cuba, advised that he and [redacted] New York City, had held a discussion and had decided to form

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an anti-CASTRO group to be known as the "White Rose".

They stated that their idea for the new organization is to follow the principles of JOSE MARTI, former Cuban patriot, in recognizing the beliefs of opposition groups and attempting to work with them and compromise on points of disagreement. At the present time they have no desire of carrying out any armed uprising against the CASTRO government in Cuba, and that on this point, they differ from JOSE MARTI, who advocated the principle of armed revolution.

They stated that they wanted to formulate basic principles for their organization, so that when the opportunity presents itself in Cuba, they will be able to present their opposition movement in the open to the people of Cuba.

They further stated that they would not have FULGENCIO BATISTA in their organization, or such other individuals as former Senator ROLANDO MASFERRER, former Captain ESTEBAN VENTURA, or members of the TABERNILLA family. They were interested in individuals who had good backgrounds, with political experience, and no criminal or undesirable records.

[redacted] stated that at the moment he was the leading figure in the White Rose, and that he and [redacted] anticipated holding offices in that organization.

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[redacted] stated that they wanted ANDRES RIVERO AGUERO and GASTON GODOY, former President and Vice President-elect of Cuba, as members of their organization. These individuals are the only ones whom they have contacted so far.

Movement Anti-Communist American and Latin
Foundation, Incorporated, Miami, Florida

On April 13, 1959, [redacted] (protect),
[redacted] Miami, advised that he

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planned to organize an anti-CASTRO League of the Americas which would be incorporated under the laws of the United States, and all officers of the corporation would be United States citizens.

The purpose of the corporation would be to solicit contributions to fight Communism in Cuba through propaganda and publicity. The corporation would be non-profit, with a weekly budget of approximately ten thousand dollars, which would be used to disseminate propaganda through newspapers, radio, and publications.

He said that CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, former President of Cuba, and ROLANDO MASFERRER were expected to collaborate in this matter, and that MASFERRER would be in charge of propaganda.

On April 20, 1959, [] stated the above-mentioned corporation would be known as the "Movement anti-Communist American and Latin Foundation, Incorporated, Miami, Florida". Its purpose would be to inform the people in the western hemisphere concerning the rise of Communism in the western hemisphere.

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[] said he planned to go to the Dominican Republic to see General JOSE PEDRAZA, former Cuban Army General, and General RAFAEL TRUJILLO, President of the Dominican Republic. [] said that fifty thousand dollars had already been promised as a contribution to the organization, and that he expected to pick up this money in the Dominican Republic.

Contact has been maintained with [] and as of May 22, 1959, he has not been to the Dominican Republic, and has not received the money.

On May 5, 1959, [] (protect), [] Miami, advised that beginning at 11:00 p.m. May 5, 1959, an anti-Communist

radio program would be started over radio station WMIE, Miami. The program would consist of fifteen minutes in English and fifteen minutes in Spanish. It would be sponsored by the "Movement Anti-Communist American and Latin Foundation, Incorporated, Miami, Florida", a corporation set up by [redacted]

On May 7, 1959, [redacted] advised that he had become somewhat disillusioned with the [redacted] radio station WMIE, [redacted] who told him that he was going to have to discontinue [redacted] nightly broadcast. [redacted] advised [redacted] he was going to have to discontinue the nightly broadcast because he considered a frontal attack on the CASTRO government as being childish. [redacted] suggested to [redacted] that he build up CASTRO in his program and then make suggestions that CASTRO make corrections in his government. [redacted] said that radio station WMIE allegedly received complaints concerning the anti-Communist and anti-CASTRO character of the program and that a fistfight had occurred on the previous night in front of the radio station.

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On May 11, 1959, [redacted] advised that radio station WMIE had discontinued his program after only two broadcasts, and that he, [redacted] was attempting to make arrangements for continuation of this program by other means.

BATISTA Group in Washington, D. C.

On April 14, 1959, [redacted] (protect), Washington, D. C., advised that ANIVAL DELGADO, 2914 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., former sergeant under BATISTA, was considered an "intelligence officer" of BATISTA in the Cuban Embassy in Washington, D. C., prior to January 1, 1959. He is currently the leader of a pro-BATISTA group in Washington, D. C. Other persons connected with this group are: JOSE FERRER, former Cuban Military Attache, MANUEL REBOZO, former Cuban Air Force pilot, ALBERTO RODRIGUEZ, former Secretary at the Cuban Embassy, and Lieutenant Colonel GUTIERREZ, formerly connected with the Cuban Office of the Military Attache, and former Cuban Ambassador to the United States, NICOLAS ARROYO.

On April 11, 1959, DELGADO and RODRIGUEZ went to New York City, where they reportedly met FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, son of General TABERNILLA. FRANCISCO allegedly was purchasing equipment on behalf of the anti-CASTRO group. Assisting him in these purchases was ALFREDO HERNANDEZ, resident of Queens, New York, and who allegedly has numerous prominent business connections in New York City.

In April, 1959, DELGADO, RODRIGUEZ, and REBOZO intended to go to New York City to meet with HERNANDEZ and TABERNILLA concerning the purchase of equipment for the anti-CASTRO group. HERNANDEZ allegedly arrived for the purpose of purchasing two B-26 planes for the Dominican Air Lines. The planes were to be flown to Miami, Florida and then to the Dominican Republic. HERNANDEZ allegedly was also attempting to purchase six surplus P-51 airplanes from the Texas National Guard.

On April 21, 1959, [redacted] further stated that DELGADO, GUTIERREZ and RODRIGUEZ went to New York City on April 19, 1959 and were accompanied by former Cuban Air Force Colonel LUIS CALDERON GARCIA. In New York City, they allegedly met with HERNANDEZ, TABERNILLA, and a Dr. JORGE BARROSO. The meeting was allegedly for the purpose of continuing discussions concerning the purchase of equipment to overthrow the CASTRO government in Cuba. Further meetings for the above purpose were to be deferred until the departure of FIDEL CASTRO from the United States during the week-end of April 25, 1959.

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[redacted] who furnished the above information, was later reported as being unreliable. The accuracy of the above information has not yet been determined.

II. PUBLICATIONS:

"Tribuna"

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On April 13, 1959, [redacted] (protect) advised that three thousand copies of "Tribuna" would

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be dropped weekly by plane in Cuba from Miami. He said this publication is supported by an anti-Communist group, not further identified.

On April 15, 1959, [redacted] b7C
[redacted] Di Lido Island, Miami Beach, Florida, b7D
voluntarily came to the Miami Office in connection with another matter. In the course of the interview with [redacted] he said that four thousand copies of "Tribuna", published by him weekly in Miami, were dropped by plane in Cuba several days previously. He declined to identify the plane or the person actually dropping the newspaper. [redacted] stated he planned to continue publishing the weekly newspaper "Tribuna". The purpose of the paper is to show Americans and Cubans the extent of Communism in Cuba and the tyranny under which people in Cuba live.

On April 23, 1959 [redacted] stated that on the previous day, a number of copies of "Tribuna" were again dropped in Cuba by plane from Miami.

On April 28, 1959, [redacted] stated that six thousand copies of "Tribuna" had been dropped by two planes over Cuba on the night of April 25, 1959, and that red parachute flares had been used at the same time to attract attention to the operation. He said that on April 22, 1959, some two to three thousand copies were dropped, at which time a P-51 Cuban Army plane unsuccessfully attempted to shoot down the airplane from Miami which dropped the copies of "Tribuna".

On May 11, 1959, [redacted] stated that six thousand copies of "Tribuna" were dropped at 8:30 p.m. on May 9, 1959 in Cuba, and that two or three Cuban Air Force planes unsuccessfully pursued the plane from Miami which made the air drop.

On May 18, 1959, [redacted] stated that no air drop of "Tribuna" was made the past weekend, and that the plane from Miami carrying these copies

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hereafter would be a P-51 capable of eluding a Cuban Air Force plane.

On May 19, 1959, [redacted] Miami, advised he was associated with [redacted] in March, 1959. [redacted] said that he worked as a salesman for [redacted] real estate firm, but was no longer connected with [redacted]

During March, 1959, [redacted] observed [redacted] and ROLANDO MASFERRER visit the real estate office of [redacted]. At that time, [redacted] offered [redacted] the opportunity to fly a small plane over to Cuba and drop copies of "Tribuna". [redacted] declined. [redacted] subsequently flew to Cuba and dropped the copies of "Tribuna" over Havana, using a Cessna aircraft. [redacted] explained that [redacted] is a pilot, but did not serve in that capacity during the time he was in the United States Marine Corps. [redacted] now has a P-51 and plans to use it for his air drop operations over Cuba. b2 b7C b7D

[redacted] said that among the associates of MASFERRER, it is felt that MASFERRER is not contributing to the cost of publishing "Tribuna", because MASFERRER does not have enough money. MASFERRER's associates presume that [redacted] is paying for the cost of publication.

[redacted] United States Border Patrol, Miami, advised that dropping "Tribuna" in Cuba by flights from Miami is not illegal. He explained that as long as the plane does not land in Cuba, it is not considered as being outside of the United States, as far as the laws under which the United States Border Patrol operates.

III. MILITARY

Cuban Revolutionary Air Force

[redacted] on April 8, 1959, stated that PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, head of the Cuban Revolutionary

Air Force, was greatly concerned about Communist infiltration of the Cuban government and intended to launch a propaganda campaign to bring his name before the Cuban people to get popular support to take over the Cuban government. DIAZ LANZ planned to furnish FIDEL CASTRO with fictitious information to divert CASTRO's attention from his (DIAZ LANZ') activities.

On May 12, 1959, [] advised that the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force had received information that RAUL CASTRO, brother of FIDEL, was going to undertake some sort of violent action against DIAZ LANZ. Close associates of DIAZ LANZ went about armed with Thompson sub-machine guns to protect DIAZ LANZ. It was felt that RAUL would attempt to arrest DIAZ LANZ and oust him from the Cuban Air Force. However, when RAUL CASTRO observed precautions taken by the Air Force, he apparently changed his strategy, invited DIAZ LANZ to his office, and congratulated him on the good job he was doing. DIAZ LANZ now feels that FIDEL CASTRO has sided with him against his brother, RAUL CASTRO. b2 b7D

DIAZ LANZ feels that FIDEL CASTRO has confidence in the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force, and that DIAZ LANZ and his associates now are not likely to be ousted from their positions. However, at the same time, DIAZ LANZ and his close associates are still trying to plan a method of ridding the Cuban government of RAUL CASTRO and ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA, Commander of La Cabana Fortress, who are considered Communists by DIAZ LANZ and his associates.

DIAZ LANZ and associates now believe that FIDEL CASTRO is against Communism, and since CASTRO's return from the United States, the people in Cuba are behind him and have increased their confidence in him.

[] advised that former plans of DIAZ LANZ to attempt to overthrow the Cuban government are now being held in abeyance, pending developments of the present situation in Cuba. If it appears that the Communists will not be able to obtain control of the Cuban government, DIAZ LANZ' former plans to overthrow the Cuban government will be abandoned.

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IV. ANTI-CASTRO FEELING IN CUBA

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In May, 1959, [REDACTED] presently residing
Miami, Florida (protect identity), advised that there
is much anti-CASTRO feeling today in Cuba by former
revolutionary organizations that helped CASTRO gain
victory in Cuba.

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Such elements are found to be former members of the Directorio Revolucionario, Authentic Organization, and the July 26 Revolutionary Movement, which were revolutionary organizations that helped FIDEL CASTRO. If these elements united and joined the professional military and police officers of the former BATISTA regime, they would constitute the majority in that country and would be able to overthrow FIDEL CASTRO.

[] explained that the majority of those anti-CASTRO people are still residing in Cuba, and constitute a serious threat to the CASTRO Government.

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[] said that unity is being considered by anti-CASTRO leaders at this time, but as yet nothing material has developed.

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The "Miami Herald", Miami, Florida, on April 18, 1959, contained an article, dateline UPI, Havana, Cuba, which stated that the Cuban Police had smashed a counter revolutionary plot, and that 146 persons in Cardenas, Cuba were arrested.

The announcement said that police seized two truck-loads of arms and ammunition, and that the roundup followed a tip that counter revolutionaries were planning to attack the Army outposts, police headquarters and jail in Cardenas. Cuban police stated that documents seized in the raid showed the existence of a counter revolutionary conspiracy involving more than 200 persons.

The "Miami Herald" daily newspaper, on April 12, 1959, contained an article, dateline UPI, Havana, Cuba, which reported that FIDEL CASTRO charged that the foreign press and international news agencies were leading counter revolutionary action against his Government.

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CASTRO said the people of Cuba must be alert against enemies inside the Country who were waiting only a word from abroad "to stab us at the first opportunity".

V. REPORTED THREATS TO ASSASSINATE FIDEL CASTRO

Gamblers Reportedly Plot to Kill CASTRO

The "Miami Herald" issue of April 24, 1959, dateline UPI, New York, reported that DAVID ROSEN, a convicted gambler, was sought for questioning about a reported plot to assassinate FIDEL CASTRO.

Eight men were reported to have been hired to kill CASTRO during his visit in the United States.

The suspected plotters were supposed to include five brothers from Philadelphia who had mob connections in Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia and Florida.

ROLANDO MASFERRER

[redacted] on May 1, 1959, advised that ROLANDO MASFERRER, a month or so previously, had mentioned to [redacted] a Cuban National residing in Miami, that he was considering a plan to assassinate FIDEL CASTRO. The plan involved using three unidentified P-51 airplanes. Each plane would have one 500 pound bomb, and would be prepared to take off at a moment's notice from some undisclosed location. The plane was to wait until CASTRO was making a public speech at some outdoor place in Cuba. During the speech the three P-51s would bomb him. MASFERRER has not mentioned this plan since, and it is not known if the plan is still in existence.

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On May 21, 1959, [] advised that inasmuch as MASFERRER has not further mentioned this plan, it was presumed that he had abandoned it.

VI. POSSIBLE ARMS PURCHASES FOR USE AGAINST FIDEL CASTRO

[] on May 20, 1959, advised that JOSE LUIS PUJOL, 1001 Southwest 22nd Street, Miami, was recently active in anti-CASTRO activity and is a member of a loose-knit anti-CASTRO group. PUJOL wanted to immediately obtain four P-51s, two Vampire jet airplanes, one transport airplane capable of carrying 50 men, 24 machine guns, ammunition and bombs for these planes, and to have all this equipment ready to leave the United States in 15 or 20 days.

PUJOL has adequate money to pay cash for the planes and guns, and intended to lease an airport to make necessary installations and loading of the planes prior to departure from the United States for an unknown destination, the planes to be flown from Miami to rendezvous for an invasion of Cuba.

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On May 21, 1959, [] advised that SALVADOR PIEZ (phonetic) is closely associated with PUJOL, and that PIEZ has been fighting Communism in Latin-America for over 30 years.

PUJOL also wants purchased uniforms, boots, canteens, food supplies and other equipment necessary for soldiers. PUJOL stated that he expected help from Guatemala in supplying equipment necessary, and that aid was also expected from Panama, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua.

On May 22, 1959, [] stated that it appeared that PUJOL's plan was to attack the air field in Cuba

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and deliver the supplies that would be contained in the transport plane to anti-CASTRO rebel groups that would take control of the air field prior to the landing of PUJOL's group. PUJOL indicated that his group was just one of many that would attack Cuba, that the entire operation would be air-borne, and different provinces of Cuba would be attacked from a number of Central-American and Caribbean countries. PUJOL indicated that anti-CASTRO forces did not intend to fight a guerrilla warfare operation in the mountains of Cuba.

VII. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

[redacted] on May 1, 1959, advised that [redacted] who has been in contact with ROLANDO MASFERRER, offered to sell MASFERRER arms and ammunition for use by MASFERRER's group against FIDEL CASTRO. To this offer MASFERRER laughed and said he had all the arms and ammunition he needed, and had the entire Dominican Republic at his disposal. MASFERRER indicated that his arms and ammunition were in the Dominican Republic, and that he had adequate supplies. MASFERRER said that if as many as three "barbudos" (bearded soldiers of CASTRO) attempted to make a landing in the Dominican Republic, the entire anti-CASTRO revolutionary force in the Dominican Republic would be immediately launched against Cuba. He said this revolutionary force consisted of anti-CASTRO exiles of Cuban nationality who were equipped with guns and ammunition, airplanes and other instruments of war. He did not further explain or identify this invasionary force.

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On April 30, 1959, [redacted] Miami (protect identity), an associate of ROLANDO MASFERRER, advised as follows: Within six weeks an expedition will leave the Dominican Republic under the leadership of General JOSE PEDRAZA to go to Cuba to overthrow FIDEL CASTRO.

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Six thousand or seven thousand men, all Cuban, will be involved in the land, sea and air operation. Participants are former professionals of the Cuban Army and Navy, and have been undergoing training in the Dominican Republic along the lines of the United States Marines with the aid of old United States Marine manuals. RAFAEL TRUJILLO is supplying everything necessary except men because he feels CASTRO will attack the Dominican Republic if not first attacked. Anti-communists and anti-CASTRO Cubans are contributing financially along with FULGENCIO BATISTA, former President of Cuba, Colonel ORLANDO PIEDRA, former head of the Bureau of Investigation, now residing in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and General JOSE PEDRAZA, former Cuban Army general now in the Dominican Republic.

Thirty thousand men, formerly military and police personnel in Cuba, are waiting to join the revolutionary force when it arrives in Cuba. Support for this invasion is also being received from a new clandestine organization in Cuba known as the Anti-Communist Latin-American Movement, which has objective sanction, but not material support from other Latin-American countries.

If CASTRO is defeated, a revolutionary junta will rule the country pending free elections to be held in six months.

Dr. EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO, former Cuban ambassador to Washington and a United Nations delegate, will undoubtedly be President of the junta.

It is noted that [redacted] Miami, furnished analogous information the previous day.

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Attempt to Purchase Guns in United States by
Dominican Republic For Anti-CASTRO Use

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Bribery

On April 20, 1959, [] U. S. Customs Agent, Miami, advised as follows:

About a month previously, SIDNEY NEUBAUER, New York attorney, arranged for [] to meet LEONARD TRENTO, Newark, New Jersey arms dealer.

TRENTO, in a subsequent meeting with []^{b7C} stated he had a deal involving the Dominican Republic whereby \$1,500,000.00 worth of arms and ammunition were to be bought in the United States and illegally shipped to the Dominican Republic. TRENTO's share in the profit would be \$400,000.00. \$100,000.00 of which he would be willing to give [] as a payment to allow the shipment to leave the United States.

TRENTO stated that ARNOLD RAYBER, arms dealer at Brooklyn, New York, had received \$50,000.00 from the Dominican Republic to purchase arms in the United States for shipment to the Dominican Republic. Later when MANUEL GARCIA, an officer in the Dominican Intelligence, went to New York and was shown the equipment bought by RAYBER, he realized it was junk and threatened RAYBER.

On May 1, 1959, [] advised that he and Customs Agent []^{b7C} had been in contact with AGUSTO FERRANDO, Dominican Consul, Miami, JOHN ABBES, Head of Dominican Republic Intelligence, and JULIO LAURENT, former Chief of Cuban ONI.

FERRANDO and ABBES offered bribes to allow arms to depart from Miami to the Dominican Republic. [] went along with the bribe with the knowledge and consent of Customs Officials.

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ABBES displayed great anger for ARNOLD RAYBER because of the worthless equipment he bought with the \$50,000.00 given to him by the Dominican Republic. ABBES indicated he would like to have RAYBER killed. [redacted] rejected that idea and said that before ABBES made any arms shipments, he would have to turn in RAYBER on an arms violation within Customs jurisdiction.

According to TRENT, \$20,000,000.00 was obtained from BATISTA by TRUJILLO and put in a war fund for use by anti-CASTRO groups against Cuba. Much of that money would be used to purchase arms, ammunition and other articles of war in the United States for use against Cuba.

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On May 13, 1959, [redacted] Customs Agent, advised that also cooperating with the group involving JULIO LAURENT and AGUSTO FERRANDO were MARIANO PAGET, former Head of the Cuban Bureau for the Repression of Communism, EDUARDO HERNANDEZ, former Cuban Consul General, Miami, and JULIO POWER, former registered agent of the Cuban Government.

HERNANDEZ has money, political influence and a group in Miami supporting him, and desires to be the next President of Cuba. JULIO POWER has no influence, money or political following, and appears to be doing odd jobs and messenger type of activity for this group.

MARIANO PAGET does not have much political influence, money or any group backing him, but is extremely capable, has good connections with the U. S. Government, and is considered a very good adviser.

ROLANDO MASFERRER is not included in the above group, and is not well considered by the group or

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acceptable to them because of his bad reputation in Cuba.

General FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, former Chief of Staff of the Cuban Army presently residing in West Palm Beach, Florida, does not belong to the above group, and is not included in their activities. U. S. Customs has no information reflecting that he is in possession of any arms, articles of war, or is engaged in any anti-CASTRO activity.

ORLANDO PIEDRA, former Chief of the Cuban Bureau of Investigation presently residing Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is also actively involved in above group, but the extent of his involvement is not known.

JOSEPH C. LIQUORI, Patrolman, Miami Police Department, is very active in above group; closely connected with Dominican Consul FERRANDO. LIQUORI reportedly has previously supplied RAFAEL TRUJILLO and his son, RAMFIS, with small arms and girls obtained in the Miami area.

Arrests

On May 22, 1959, U. S. Customs, Miami, arrested the following persons on charges of Conspiracy to Bribe Customs Agents and to illegally export arms to the Dominican Republic: JOSEPH C. LIQUORI, Patrolman, Miami Police Department, LEONARD TRENTO, Arms Dealer, Newark, New Jersey, JOSE PAULINO, Dominican Republic Vice Consul in Miami, MIGUEL FONDEUR, Clerk, Dominican Republic Consulate.

The following persons were arrested when \$27,000.00 worth of arms were being loaded aboard a C-74, four-engined cargo plane registered to Akron Dynamics Corporation, 1810 Terminal Tower, Cleveland, Ohio:

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DOMINICK EDWARD BARTON, Cleveland, Ohio, owner of the airplane, SAMUEL EUGENE POOLE, JR., pilot, Tampa, Florida, VIRGINIA L. BLAND, free lance co-pilot, address unknown, JOHN EMBRY, crew member, Tampa, Florida, JOSE ANDREW VIERA, laborer, WILLIAM QUITMAN BROOKLEY, activities unknown, Miami, ELIGO CARRADO TRIANA, laborer, Miami, PEDRO SANTANA, laborer, Miami, OSCAR PAGES, activities and address unknown.

AGUSTO M. FERRANDO, Dominican Consul, Miami, was not arrested inasmuch as he remained in the Consulate until he could confer with his attorney as to whether or not he would surrender himself.

On May 23, 1959, Customs officials advised that AGUSTO M. FERRANDO, Dominican Consul, was taken into custody and given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner, Miami, where he was charged with bribery and conspiracy to illegally export arms and ammunition. He was released on \$25,000.00 bond.

On May 1, 1959, [redacted] (protect identity) advised that he had been approached by AQUILES RECIO, Dominican Army Officer who was visiting the United States as a tourist. RECIO asked if [redacted] could obtain tanks, rifles and automatic weapons for the Dominican Government. He was interested in obtaining \$2,499,500.00 worth of arms to include 10,000 M-1 rifles, 210 .30 caliber Browning rifles, 30 armored cars, 20,000 37 millimeter projectiles and 5,000,000 rounds of .30 caliber ammunition.

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On April 27, 1959, RECIO recontacted [redacted] indicating he had been back to the Dominican Republic, and that TRUJILLO wanted to discuss the transaction with [redacted] arrived in the Dominican

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Republic on April 29, 1959, and on April 30, 1959, he had a brief interview with TRUJILLO, at which time he was told to proceed with efforts to secure the arms and ammunition in the amounts listed by RECIO.

On May 15, 1959, [redacted] Miami, (protect identity) advised that on May 13, 1959, EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO would leave Miami on May 17 or 18 for the Dominican Republic on an invitation from President TRUJILLO for the purpose of discussing unification of anti-CASTRO movements in Miami, Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Cuba against the CASTRO Government in Cuba. After this discussion TRUJILLO wants PORTUONDO to go to Washington, D. C., for discussions with U. S. Department of State in order to explain the unity situation, to ascertain U. S. attitude towards the movement to oust CASTRO, and to solicit U. S. sympathy for the anti-CASTRO movements.

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PORTUONDO, former Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations, was reportedly a close friend of JOHN FOSTER DULLES, former Secretary of State, and HENRY CABOT LODGE, U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and other prominent State Department and United Nations representatives. He is anti-Communist, and commands great respect in Cuba and the United States. PORTUONDO expects to return to Miami about May 20, and is scheduled to contact BENITEZ before proceeding to Washington, D. C.

[redacted] stated TRUJILLO had acquired 45 to 50 Vampire jet airplanes and had received 1500 English made machine guns, and has spent about \$7,000,000.00 during the past month on military equipment.

[redacted] stated that TRUJILLO would cooperate fully with the anti-CASTRO movement unless the U. S. Government disapproves. PORTUONDO will not accept ROLANDO MASFERRER as a member of the anti-CASTRO movement because of MASFERRER's bad reputation in Cuba for war crimes.

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VIII. REPORTED OPINION OF FULGENCIO BATISTA CONCERNING
ANTI-CASTRO GROUPS

On May 1, 1959, [redacted], Washington, D. C. (protect), advised that he went to the Dominican Republic on April 29, 1959, where he had a private interview with FULGENCIO BATISTA, former President of Cuba, wherein BATISTA advised as follows: A group of the lowest type of Cubans characterized as "murderers, vermin and riffraff", dominated by criminal elements, planned an invasion of Cuba, originating in the Dominican Republic. This group is being backed by TRUJILLO, and is headed by former Cuban Senator ROLANDO MASFERRER and ESTEBAN VENTURA, former Cuban Police Officer who was known as a butcher.

The above mentioned group has available 300 to 500 paid mercenaries, and a planned invasion of Cuba would occur within approximately 60 days. If the invasion took place, Cuba would be subjected to a tragic blood bath, and if the invaders succeed, Cuba would be ruled by a Government far worse than CASTRO's administration.

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BATISTA would be willing to discuss some plan to rescue Cuba from its present chaos and prevent the planned invasion from the Dominican Republic. However, under the present circumstances, BATISTA is unable to make contact with influential Cubans, and even his own followers fear to visit the Dominican Republic.

[redacted] said that with respect to former BATISTA adherents, there are three principal groups: one in Palm Beach, Florida, another in Miami, and a third one in the Dominican Republic.

The Palm Beach Club is composed chiefly of professional soldiers and businessmen. This group is

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reportedly headed by the TABERNILLA family. There is considerable friction between the Palm Beach and Miami groups since the former is well fixed financially and has been stingy in offering financial assistance to the Miami group.

Concerning the Miami group, [] stated that it was considerably larger than the Palm Beach group and was headed by MARIANO FAGET and ORLANDO PIEDRA.

FAGET reportedly advised [] that the Miami group was at odds with the Palm Beach group, but had no ties with the Dominican faction. FAGET expressed criticism of BATISTA for failure to provide financial assistance to the Miami exiles.

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[] advised he had no information indicating that the Miami group as yet supported the proposed invasion of Cuba by the Dominican faction. However, he expressed concern that some agreement might be worked out by these two groups unless the proposed invasion was promptly thwarted. He advised that the Dominican group was allegedly headed by MASFERRER and VENTURA.



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Reference is made to report of Special Agent Robert [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

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All informants mentioned in referenced report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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✓ FROM : Director, FBI (109-584)

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Reurlet 5-21-59 two copies of which are enclosed for Havana. In view of the fact Cabaleiro Silva is in Cuba and apparently employed by the Cuban Government an interview with him is not desired.

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RE: ANTI FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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On May 28, 1959, [redacted]
[redacted] Coral Gables, Florida,
came to the Miami Office, accompanied by his [redacted]
[redacted] who served as interpreter during an interview
by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]
furnished the following information:

[redacted] made reference to information recently
furnished this office to the effect that Dr. EMILO NUNEZ
PORTUONDO, former Cuban delegate to the United Nations,
was going to the Dominican Republic for conferences with
General JOSE PEDRAZA, Cuban formerly a general under
BATISTA; and with Generalissimo RAFAEL TRUJILLO of the
Dominican Republic. [redacted] said that on May 26, 1959,
two days after the return of PORTUONDO from the Dominican
Republic that [redacted] lunched at Fort Lauderdale, Florida
with PORTUONDO. PORTUONDO told BENITEZ that the Dominican
Republic is practically in a state of war now and that
there are approximately 3,000 Cubans, being trained in
Cuba, for action against the Dominican Republic.

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PORTUONDO said that while in the Dominican
Republic, he had interviewed General PEDRAZA, who
offered PORTUONDO the presidency of Cuba, in the event,
the present Anti CASTRO Movement succeeds in overthrowing
CASTRO. PEDRAZA indicated that he wanted PORTUONDO to
be named as the prospective president because this would
give prestige to the movement and increase confidence on the

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(1-105-1084-Dominican Activities)

(1-105-1864-NUNEZ PORTUONDO)

(1-105-1872-POZO)

(1-105-1794-PIEDRA)

(1-2-192-FRANK FIORINI)

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part of the United States towards this movement. PTEDRAZA asked PORTUONDO to make out a prospective cabinet in the event of success. PORTUONDO also told [] that TRUJILLO had seen him off at the airport upon his departure from the Dominican Republic and that in a conversation with TRUJILLO, TRUJILLO had stated that he was prepared for action and merely waiting for aggression from the Dominican Republic. PORTUONDO said the Dominican Army is on the alert and that Cuban forces are being trained in the Dominican Republic at a camp apparently near the border of Haiti.

[] said this camp is separate and apart from any Dominican camp and that among the officers at the camp are officers from Spain who are training the Cubans who are being prepared in this camp. [] said that PORTUONDO said he was leaving for Washington on or about Saturday, May 30, 1959, and that he would present the complete facts of his trip to Dominican Republic, including all the details, before appropriate officials at the State Department in Washington. [] said that PORTUONDO commands great respect and that he is very friendly towards the United States and is, in general, a man of high caliber, although [] doubts his ability to serve as an effective president of Cuba. b7C b7D

[] said that on the day following his interview with PORTUONDO, he sent a friend, [] a Cuban now living in Miami, to talk to PORTUONDO. After this conversation between [] and PORTUONDO, [] reported information similar to that which [] had obtained from PORTUONDO.

[] said that he, himself, rotates from one Anti CASTRO group to another, is acceptable in all of these groups, and picks up considerable information from each. He stated that he has learned from his contacts with people that the forces in the Dominican

Republic are much more powerful than the forces which CASTRO has. A former Dominican General MIGUEL ANGEL RAMIREZ, former of the Caribbean legion, is now in Cuba, in charge of training at a camp in Pinar del Rio Province and in Orient Province. The men in this camp, totaling about 2500, are being prepared for action against the Dominican Republic. [] said that he has learned that in Cuba there are about 50 pilots from various Latin countries who are now working with the CASTRO forces and that when RAUL CASTRO recently crashed in a swamp area of Cuba and was missing for about one day that he was accompanied by a Peruvian pilot. [] said that these foreign Latins are serving as instructors for the Cuban Air Force in Cuba.

[] said that on the previous night, May 27, ROLANDO MASFERRER, former Cuban Senator, now residing in Miami, called [] stating that he wanted to obtain an interview with PORTUONDO immediately. [] said that he notified PORTUONDO he does not like MASFERRER because of his reputation, but PORTUONDO agreed to meet MASFERRER as MASFERRER had stated that he would print or publish bad things about PORTUONDO unless he agreed to a conference.

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[] said that PORTUONDO has collected approximately \$1,000,000.00 for use against CASTRO. [] said that approximately 40 days ago, General JOSE PEDRAZA, JOHN ABBES, Chief of the Dominican Security Service, and Dominican Consul, General AGUSTO FERRANDO, met in Miami, concerning the plan of action against Cuba which is being carried on with collaboration between the Dominican Republic and Cuban exiles.

[] said 15 days ago, WILLIAM MORGAN, a former leader of the second front in the Escambray during the recent revolution against BATISTA, came to

Miami, stayed at the Eden Roc Hotel, and met in Room 1133R at the Dupont Plaza Hotel with MORGAN, FERRANDO, and [] This room was the room of DOMINICK BARTONE, a Cleveland, Ohio plane dealer, who was selling a C-74 plane to be used by the Cubans in their movement against the CASTRO government. BENITEZ advised that MORGAN has received over \$50,000.00 for his cooperation, that MORGAN has agreed to supply from 1,000 to 1500 men but that [] doubts MORGAN's ability to do this. He said that MORGAN has also agreed to try to secure the cooperation of ELOY MENOYO, who is also a leader of the second front.

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[] said that there are already from five to six thousand men in Cuba awaiting the signal for action and that all of the groups inside Cuba in the Dominican Republic and in the United States are looking towards General PEDRAZA as the leader and key man of any invasion plan against the CASTRO Government. They feel that PEDRAZA is on the ground floor as he has the means, the money, the opportunity, and the cooperation of TRUJILLO to lead and command and train an invasion force.

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[] said that a general plan of action which has been formulated by the Anti CASTRO group is that two separate commando forces of 300 men each will kill FIDEL CASTRO and CAMILO CIENFUEGOS by separate commando actions, at the outset of any invasion or uprising. [] said that this action could take place at almost any time and that in any event, the time was rapidly drawing nearer.

[] said that the recent seizure of the C-74 plane by U.S. Customs, Miami, with the arrest of FERRANDO, BARTONE, and others was due to independent action by FERRANDO, who is being accused of having "goofed" up the plan.

[] said that it was FERRANDO's idea, without knowledge of his Cuban collaborators, to attempt to bribe U.S. Customs Agents in Miami and to ship guns on the plane to the Dominican Republic.

[] said that the Cubans wanted only the plane. This plane was to be used in an invasion effort by Cubans from the Dominican Republic.

[] stated that in his opinion, MASFERRER is not a good man to be implicated in this Anti CASTRO movement in view of his reputation. He said that ORLANDO PIEDRA, former Chief of Investigations of the Cuban National Police, under the BATISTA regime, spent a lot of time now talking to MASFERRER and [] is of the opinion that PIEDRA is furnishing money to MASFERRER. He said that PIEDRA is a very good friend of BATISTA. With regard to a report which had been received to the effect that PIEDRA and one PACO PEREZ were purchasing 16 airplanes, [] said that PACO PEREZ is undoubtedly FRANCISCO PEREZ who was a former major in the Cuban Police under BATISTA and was in charge of squad cars. [] said that PEREZ apparently resides in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and that he is a friend of General PEDRAZA. He said that PEREZ is capable of doing anything, however, he said that he is positive that neither PIEDRA nor PEREZ have purchased or are in the process of purchasing 16 planes for any movement. He doubted that they had the financial capacity to do this.

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[] said that there are still four separate loosely knit Anti CASTRO groups in Miami. One of these groups recognizes MASFERRER as its head, another recognizes the former Mayor of Havana, JUSTO LUIS POZO as its head, another recognizes Dr.

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EMILO NUNEZ PORTUONDO as its head, and the fourth recognizes General JOSE PEDRAZA, who is in the Dominican Republic as its head. The individuals who follow this fourth group are former BATISTA officers living in Miami, who, according to [redacted] do not have any one single leader.

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[redacted] With regard to the group led by POZO, [redacted] said that among this group of which they are approximately 300, the members are generally speaking successful profession and business men, most of whom have money. Among these are Dr. ANTONIO LAMAS PARRA, who is married to a niece of BATISTA and who is a former director of a mental hospital near Havana. Also a member of this group is FERNANDO DEL BUSTO, a former very prominent Cuban attorney, who is considered a brilliant individual. Another member is ROBERTO MENDOZA, aka. "Cherri", who on May 27, gave \$50,000.00 to General PEDRAZA for this movement.

[redacted] said all of these groups are inspired by a joint desire to overthrow the CASTRO Government and that all the members of these groups are Anti-Communist. He said that they are all working together, but they have not solidified into a single movement as yet.

[redacted] said that in his opinion, the most outstanding and the most likely prospective next president of Cuba is Dr. RAMON GRAU SAN MARTIN, who is a former president of Cuba, presently residing in Cuba, and who commands great respect and admiration throughout Cuba. GRAU SAN MARTIN is now again appearing on the radio and is making remarks critical of the CASTRO program. He said that GRAU SAN MARTIN has a tremendous listeners audience and in his opinion

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he is beginning to come to the forefront as the most likely opponent to CASTRO.


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INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Re Miami tel 6/4/59.

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Bureau desires that allegations regarding proposed plan to invade Cuba be thoroughly investigated on an expedite basis. Pertinent data contained in retel is being disseminated to State, [redacted] Department, Customs, INS and the military intelligence agencies.

Atlanta should further identify [redacted] and [redacted] and discreetly determine their current activities. Bufiles contain no references identifiable with these individuals on the basis of available data.

Bureau will handle inquiries at State Department concerning (first name unknown, [redacted]) and will advise field.

Miami suairtel exact status of PSI [redacted] PSI [redacted] and [redacted] with regard to this anti-Castro plot, specifying whether these sources are actually involved in plot and whether they will be in a position to follow future developments on first-hand basis. If one or more of above-listed sources will be in position to follow future developments and keep Miami immediately advised of same, it would appear that we should defer interviewing principal subjects involved at this

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time, pending development of further details as to plot and persons involved therein. However, if none of these sources are in position to insure your following further developments, you should submit specific recommendations as to desirability of interviewing Masferrer, who has been interviewed by your office in the past, Pozo, [redacted] and Arthur Vining Davis .

Miami also submit specific recommendations as to the feasibility of placing technical coverage on Masferrer and Pozo since these individuals appear to be central figures in this conspiracy. Miami should endeavor to cover through discreet physical surveillance any future meetings held between principals in order to corroborate data furnished by sources.

Miami should also endeavor to determine current whereabouts of Pedro Diaz, ex-mayor of Isle of Pines, said to be in charge of "destruction squad," and if Diaz is in U. S., he should be further identified. Further identifying data should also be obtained regarding [redacted] and [redacted] Miami should be alert for any information concerning identity of pilots allegedly recruited to take part in invasion or for information as to source of three aircraft referred to on page two of retel. Miami also endeavor to further identify [redacted] who reportedly would fly to Atlanta with other principals to contact [redacted] b7C

Sufficient personnel must be assigned to this investigation to insure that it is afforded prompt and vigorous attention. The possibility of establishing violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction (such as neutrality statutes and Registration Act) should be borne in mind at all times as well as the necessity to develop competent, admissible evidence of such violations. Interviews aimed at acquiring possible evidence must be thorough and searching and it should be clearly recognized that persons being interviewed will not necessarily disclose full extent of their participation in plot and, therefore, their statements cannot be accepted at face value. Interviews must be supplemented by carefully planned

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investigation and, where results of inquiries are in conflict with statements made during interviews, persons interviewed should be confronted with such inconsistencies. During interviews possibility of subsequent criminal action should be kept in mind and, where possible, signed statements should be secured. In all cases, interviews should be handled in manner prescribed for potential witnesses or subjects.

Miami, Florida
June 3, 1959

MEMO, SAC (105-1742)

Re: ANTI FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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ReBulet May 26, 1959 to Office of Security,
State Department, concerning ORLANDO PIEDRA and PACO
PEREZ.

On May 29, 1959, [redacted]
[redacted] while
being interviewed relative to another matter, was
questioned concerning PIEDRA and PEREZ.

[redacted] said that ORLANDO PIEDRA is in
frequent contact with ROLANDO MASFERRER and possibly
furnishes money to MASFERRER. PIEDRA is a good friend
of BATISTA, former President of Cuba.

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[redacted] said that PACO PEREZ is identical to
FRANCISCO PEREZ, a former major in the Cuban police,
who was in charge of squad cars during the BATISTA
regime. He believed that PEREZ is presently residing
at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. PEREZ is a good friend of
General JOSE PEDRAZA, former BATISTA general now in
the Dominican Republic. He possessed no specific in-
formation concerning the activities of PEREZ, but said
that PEREZ could be doing almost anything.

[redacted] said that he feels positive that
neither PIEDRA nor PEREZ has purchased 16 airplanes on
May 18, 1959, or at any other time since coming to the
United States. He did not believe they had the financial
means to do this.

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[redacted] On 5/26/59, PSI under development, [redacted]
[redacted] furnished the following information orally
to SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

On Sunday, 5/24/59, the following individuals
were guests at the home of [redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted]

A distinguished Cuban, Dr. (FNU) BUSTO and
his wife;

[redacted]
[redacted] Vice President, Miami National
Bank;

It developed during the dinner that [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] are interested in obtaining land
in the Isle of Pines, Cuba, for future development.

On 5/25/59, [redacted] got in touch with Dr.
BUSTO, who requested him to invite [redacted] and
[redacted] to meet at [redacted] Miami.

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These individuals attended a meeting that same evening, at this address, and also present were the following individuals:

(FNU) VIDAS;

(FNU) FERNANDEZ;

Dr. (FNU) LAMAS, who had been the director of a mental institution in Havana prior to 1/1/59.

believed to be an American, who speaks fluent Spanish.

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(FNU) BUSTO, son of Mr. BUSTO;

Dr. (FNU) BUSTO.

It appeared that this residence was the home of either BUSTO or VIDAS.

It developed that one of these men present is married to the niece of BATISTA.

Dr. LAMAS led the discussion. The Americans present were questioned concerning their attitude about the Cuban situation, economics, the Communist threat, and the Agrarian Reform Program, which has been instituted by FIDEL CASTRO. Dr. LAMAS expressed the belief that CASTRO cannot last more than two months.

Dr. LAMAS stated that within two weeks, he desired to take a trip to see PEDRAZA, a former Batista General, now living in the Dominican Republic, who is apparently in charge

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of a group of Cubans there. It developed that Dr. LAMAS desired to deliver a written report to PEDRAZA. It appears that this report related to plans of organization of a movement against CASTRO. LAMAS indicated that he would like to leave on 6/5/59; he requested [redacted] who is a pilot, to fly him in a chartered private plane with no other persons on board.

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Dr. LAMAS disclosed that he is a BATISTA man, but that he is backing PEDRAZA in connection with this particular movement.

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[redacted] furnished the following descrip-

Name	(FNU) LAMAS (Dr.)
Age	Forty-two
Height	5'7"
Weight	155 pounds
Build	Medium - heavy
Hair	Black, wavy
Complexion	Sallow
Profession	Medical doctor, formerly in charge of a mental institution near Havana.
Peculiarities	Wears large BATISTA amethyst ring.

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Name	[redacted]
Age	Thirty-two
Height	5'11"
Weight	190 pounds
Build	Medium

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Complexion	Fair
Citizenship	Possibly United States citizen
Languages	Speaks Spanish fluently
Employment	Sells cars at Spitzer Motors.

Name	(FNU) BUSTO
Age	Sixty
Height	5'8"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Dark, with some gray
Complexion	Ruddy
Appearance	Clean cut
Profession	Attorney, now studying English at Miami High School.
Office	Ralston Building, Miami.

Name	(FNU) BUSTO, (son of above mentioned BUSTO)
Age	About forty-two
Height	5'8"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Dark brown, straight, thin
Education	Claims was former school-mate of FIDEL CASTRO
Profession	Was employed in the Juvenile Department of the Cuban Justice System.

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Name	(FNU) VIDAS
Age	Forty-two
Height	5'7"
Build	Husky and muscular
Hair	Brown with some gray
Complexion	Fair
Appearance	Looks like United States citizen
Languages	Speaks little English

Name	(FNU) FERNANDEZ
Age	Twenty-seven to Twenty-eight
Height	6'1"
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Slender
	(Did not participate in discussion mentioned above).

[redacted] also advised that during the course of the discussion, the Cubans disclosed that General PEDRAZA, who is in the Dominican Republic, comes to the United States, and has been here at least three times since 1/1/59, wearing the uniform of a Dominican Naval Officer, although he is a Cuban. It appears that these entries have been made surreptitiously.

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TO : SAC, Miami (105-1742)

DATE: June 5, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (109-584)

SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Reurlet 5/21/59, a copy of which is enclosed
for Havana.

In view of the past cooperativeness of [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] you should interview
them concerning their participation in anti-Fidel Castro
activities in the Miami area. This interview should
be conducted in such a way as to not jeopardize any
phase of the Customs case. Care should be taken to
be certain that during the course of the interview
Customs is not revealed as the source of this infor-
mation.

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You should open a separate investigation
concerning [redacted] to determine his connection with
the anti-Castro movement.

1 - Havana (Enclosure)

*cc Miami
then cover in
Miami file*

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SAC, Norfolk (109-1)

June 5, 1959

Director, FBI (109-480)

**CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA**

Reurlet 5-18-59 and Miami let 5-22-59, with enclosure.

You should interview [redacted] for any information he may have concerning anti-Castro activities. During the course of your interview, you should endeavor to determine from him the reason for his visit with Masferrer in Miami. For your information, Masferrer is a former Cuban senator who is presently active in anti-Fidel Castro activities in the Miami area.

1 - New York (109-46)
1 - Miami

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES

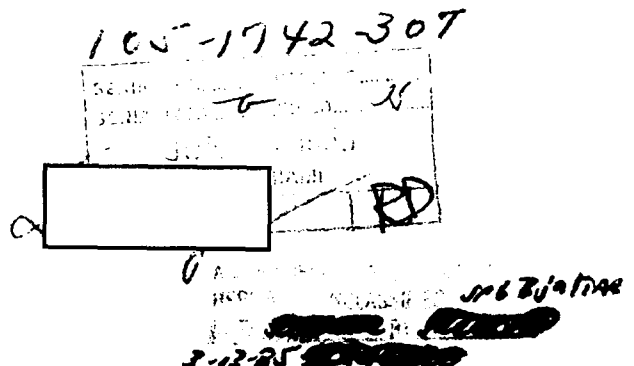
[redacted] firearms dealer, [redacted] Union, New Jersey, on June 4, 1959, advised that he is one of the three largest dealers in small firearms parts in the United States and that one of the major sources of his income is the selling of firearms parts and some guns to individuals for use outside the United States. He said the parts are undoubtedly for use in various revolutions but he does not ask questions of the buyers and tells them if they want to do business with him they are not to tell him about their use of the parts and guns.

[redacted] said he keeps the Treasury Department advised of the portion of his activities which is required by law, since he is a licensed arm dealer.

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In early May, 1959, [redacted] made a trip to Miami and, according to [redacted] in talking to various people in Miami he heard that an attempt to overthrow the Government of Fidel Castro would start on July 26, 1959. The attempt would be made by anti-Castro Cubans and that their president and his cabinet were already designated. Supposedly the president resides in Miami, but his name is not known to [redacted] July 26 was selected because it would offer greater embarrassment to Castro as that is the date Castro started his successful revolution in Cuba.

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6/5/59

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-584)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (105-7006)

SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
IS - CUBA

Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, which contains information regarding instant matter.

[redacted] was interviewed on 6/4/59 by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] in another matter. [redacted] admitted he operates "just inside the law" and has found many legal loopholes which assist in his business. He has M-1 Rifles, Springfield Rifles, carbines, machine guns of all kinds and etc. for sale. He stated he advises his local ATTU Agent of his transactions. He expressed some disfavor with the large number of Federal investigators who continually interview him and take his valuable time. Regarding the matter set out in the enclosed memorandum, he was interviewed thoroughly about the matter, but he claimed he could furnish no further details and said he could not recall the names of the people from whom he obtained the information. [redacted] said he would never inform on anyone, or phone any Federal agency to tip them off to a matter except to protect himself or as would be required by the laws applying to a firearms dealer. He said he is in business to make money. He also said his time is worth \$100 per day. b7C

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1 - Miami (Info) (Encls 1) RM
3 - Newark
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[] was not belligerent to the interviewing Agents but said he would honor any legitimate Government inquiry if he were given time.

[] is believed to be untrustworthy and would probably enter into any business transaction where he thought he could make money and not incur any legal prosecution.

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Date

6/8/59

SAC: Miami Field Office

Re:

ANTI FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of
SA _____ dated _____

☒ For information.

☐ For appropriate action.

Remarks:

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Date: June 8, 1959

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✓ To: SAC, Miami

✓ From: Director, FBI (109-584)

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INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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Reurtel 6/4/59.

Mr. Lawrence Honis, Security Office, Department of State, on 6/6/59 advised it had been established through interview with [redacted] an employee of the Department of State, that he does have a brother by the name of [redacted] who is involved in real estate development activities in Atlanta, Georgia, and Isle of Pines, Cuba.

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According to Honis, [redacted] was unable to provide any information associating himself or his brother, [redacted] with the Cubans or Americans mentioned in retel. According to Honis, [redacted] denied ever having been asked by his brother or anyone else to assist in obtaining clearance for planes, either civilian or military, to leave the U. S. Honis indicated additional investigation was being conducted. You will be advised of any additional pertinent information received from State.

- 1 - Atlanta
- 1 - Washington Field

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC-S NEW YORK, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM SAC, MIAMI 5 P

ANTI FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES, INTERNAL SECURITY DASH CUBA. REBUAIRTEL
JUNE FIVE AND MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE ONE LAST. ON JUNE EIGHT

[REDACTED] FURNISHED INFORMATION ON
CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF HUSBAND WHO IS UNDER INDICT-
MENT FOR VIOLATION NEUTRALITY AND GUN SMUGGLING STATUTES ALONG WITH
CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, FORMER PRESIDENT CUBA AND OTHERS. [REDACTED] FEARS
HUSBAND WHO HAS RECENTLY BEEN ABUSIVE AND THREATENING. RECENTLY ROLANDO
MASFERRER, FORMER CUBAN SENATOR AND SO CALLED WAR CRIMINAL, FURNISHED
VASQUEZ FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WITH WHICH FOURTEEN SEATER LODESTAR
PLANE WAS PURCHASED FROM FNU MADDEN AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND
REGISTERED IN NAME AMERICAN, IDENTITY UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED] RECALLED
SERIAL NUMBER PLANE INCLUDED DIGITS SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN. MONEY FOR
PLANE RECEIVED BY MASFERRER FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, PRESUMABLY FROM
GENERAL JOSE PEDRAZA, FORMER BATISTA GENERAL NOW LEADER OF ANTI CASTRO
MOVEMENT AND WHO RESIDES IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. MONEY FROM SAME
SOURCE USED TO PURCHASE P DASH FIFTY ONE PLANE USED BY MASFERRER-S^{b7C}
ASSOCIATE, [REDACTED] MIAMI REAL ESTATE MAN, IN DROPPING ANTI ^{b7D}
COMMUNIST LEAFLETS AND COPIES OF QUOTE TRIBUNA END QUOTE OVER CUBA.
VASQUEZ HAS NOW SPLIT WITH MASFERRER BECAUSE MASFERRER WANTED TO SELL
LODESTAR AND POCKET PROCEEDS. SEVERAL DAYS AGO [REDACTED] WEALTHY
CUBAN CONTACT MAN OF PEDRAZA IN MIAMI, REQUESTED [REDACTED] TO INFLUENCE
VASQUEZ TO FLY LODESTAR TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. ON JUNE SEVEN [REDACTED]
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TOLD [] THAT PEDRAZA [] VASQUEZ FLY LODESTAR TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AT ONCE AS STAGE IS SET TO TAKE OVER GOVERNMENT OF CUBA IN NAME OF PEDRAZA. [] STATED THAT PLAN AS OF JUNE SEVEN IS FOR LODESTAR TO BE FLOWN BY UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN PILOT TO BE PROCURED BY VASQUEZ, WITH LEGAL CLEARANCE AND WITHOUT CONTRABAND, TO HAITI, JUNE TEN. ON SAME DATE [] VASQUEZ FLYING VIA COMMERCIAL AIRLINE TO PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI AND [] WILL PROCEED ALONE VIA AIRLINE TO CIUDAD TRUJILLO. VASQUEZ WILL FLY LODESTAR FROM HAITI TO CIUDAD TRUJILLO. [] EXPECTS BE IN CONTACT WITH PEDRAZA AND GENERALISSIMO RAFAEL TRUJILLO OF DR AND TO OBTAIN CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION RE ANTI CASTRO MOVEMENT IN DR UNDER PEDRAZA. [] STATED THAT DR. EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO, FORMER CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO UNITED NATIONS AND NOW IN b7C WASHINGTON, D. C., IS ONE OF PRINCIPAL LEADERS THIS MOVEMENT- THAT PEDRAZA AND PORTUONDO HAVE SUPPORT OF PRACTICALLY ALL RESPECTABLE ANTI COMMUNIST AND ANTI CASTRO CUBAN EXILES. [] IS PROCEEDING AT OWN RISK BUT WILL REPORT MIAMI UPON RETURN. ON JUNE EIGHT SHE AGREED REPORT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS PRIOR DEPARTING BUT HAS NOT DONE SO YET. AS BUREAU KNOWS, [] HAS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED MIAMI SERIES VALUABLE SIGNED STATEMENTS RE PRIO CASE. ON JUNE NINE []

[] WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST, CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED THAT MASFERFER IS NOW IN DISFAVOR WITH OTHER FACTIONS IN ANTI CASTRO MOVEMENT BECAUSE HE WANTED TO SELL PLANE PURCHASED WITH MONEY FROM MOVEMENT AND PCCKET PROCEEDS, BUT VASQUEZ REJECTED PROPOSAL. MASFERRER HAS ALSO ALLEGEDLY COLLECTED OTHER FUNDS ON BEHALF MOVEMENT AND HAS POCKETED SAME. [] LONG TIME FRIEND AND PERSONAL CONTACT MAN FOR PEDRAZA IN MIAMI, IS DEPARTING IN SIX DAYS FOR CIUDAD TRUJILLO BUT WILL RETURN VIA NYC TO AVOID INS CHECK MIAMI WHERE

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SUBJECTED TO CONSIDERABLE INTERROGATION PREVIOUS TRIP. MESSAGES SENT DAILY BETWEEN MIAMI AND PEDRAZA VIA DOMINICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. FOUR DAYS AGO FRANCISCO CAJIGAS, VERY WEALTHY CUBAN OF OUTSTANDING REPUTATION, DEPARTED MIAMI FOR DR VIA HAITI AFTER TELLING CUBAN FRIENDS IN MIAMI HE DESIRED TO CONTRIBUTE TO ANTI CASTRO MOVEMENT. CAJIGAS HAS BEEN STRIPPED BY CASTRO GOVERNMENT OF VAST WEALTH ON ISLE PINES AND ELSEWHERE IN CUBA. HE IS INTIMATE FRIEND OF ARTHUR VINING DAVIS, NINETY THREE YEAR OLD AMERICAN FINANCIER WHO OWNS CONSIDERABLE PORTION ISLE PINES. INS RECORDS, MIAMI REFLECT DAVIS PRIVATE PLANE FLEW CAJIGAS FAMILY OUT OF ISLE OF PINES TO US WHEN BATISTA GOVERNMENT COLLAPSED JANUARY ONE LAST. ON JUNE EIGHT DAVIS OFFICE MANAGER AND ATTORNEY ADVISED MIAMI THEY POSSESSED NO KNOWLEDGE DAVIS HAVING CONTRIBUTED MONEY TO MASFERRER OR OTHER PERSONS IN ANTI CASTRO MOVEMENT. [REDACTED] STATED THAT LAST SATURDAY HE VISITED FT. LAUDERDALE RESIDENCE APPARENTLY OCCUPIED BY DR. GARCIA NAVARRO, SON IN LAW DR. EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO, WHO IS ONE OF LEADERS OF GROUP FORTY TO FIFTY CUBAN ATHLETES UNDERGOING PHYSICAL FITNESS, UNDERWATER SWIMMING, AND DEMOLITION TRAINING PREPATORY TO PROJECT INVOLVING SABOTAGE OF CASTRO NAVY SHIPS AND TUNNEL UNDER HAVANA HARBOR. [REDACTED] STATED THIS b7C GROUP UTILIZING YACHT, IDENTITY UNKNOWN, DOCKED ON CANAL AT ABOVE b7D RESIDENCE, DURING PRACTICE IN WHICH EIGHT OR TEN MEN PARTICIPATE AT A TIME. MEN WILL NOT DEPART AS AN EXPEDITION, BUT WILL LEAVE MIAMI IN TWOS AND THREES AND WITHOUT EQUIPMENT, POSSIBLY WITHIN TEN DAYS. THIS GROUP BELONGS TO PORTUONDO. [REDACTED] EXHIBITED PERSONAL LETTER DATED JUNE THREE LAST RECEIVED BY HIM FROM PEDRAZA PRIOR TO

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TIME [REDACTED] WITHDREW FROM ACTIVE PARTICIPATION. LETTER NOW BEING TRANSLATED. [REDACTED] DEPARTING MIAMI TOMORROW FOR WASHINGTON, D. C. UPON REQUEST PORTUONDO AND WILL STAY ALSO AT WINDSOR PARK HOTEL.

[REDACTED] WILL TELEPHONE MIAMI ANY URGENT INFO AND WILL REPORT RESULTS UPON RETURN MIAMI. PORTUONDO DEPARTING WASHINGTON WITHIN FEW DAYS FOR UNITED NATIONS, NYC. [REDACTED] EXPECTS RETURN MIAMI THIS WEEKEND.

DADE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY ADVISED THAT FOUR LODESTAR PLANES EACH HAVING DIGITS SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN IN SERIAL NUMBER PRESENTLY AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. LODESTAR HAVING SERIAL NUMBER SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN X APPEARS BE LODESTAR PURCHASED BY VASQUEZ. THIS PLANE REPORT-EDLY REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]

MIAMI AT PRESENT TIME. IN MARCH LAST IT WAS OWNED BY MADDEN AND PLAYFORD AIRCRAFT, INC., MIAMI SPRINGS. ON NIGHT JUNE NINE MM SIX THREE NINE VERIFIED THIS PLANE NOW AT HANGAR OF DUPONT AIR INTERESTS. PLANE APPEARS BE EXCELLENT CONDITION. ALTHOUGH PRESENT INFO REFLECTS GUNS WILL NOT BE TRANSPORTED, US CUSTOMS, MIAMI HAS BEEN NOTIFIED RE LODESTAR ON POSSIBILITY PLANE MAY BE USED FOR SUCH PURPOSE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE INFORMANTS. CUSTOMS ALSO NOTIFIED CONCERNING ALL PERTINENT INFO ABOVE INCLUDING GROUP BEING TRAINED AT FT. LAUDERDALE AND MIAMI IS CONDUCTING FURTHER INVESTIGATION THIS MATTER. WASHINGTON FIELD REQUESTED CHECK FAA CONCERNING DETAILS REGISTRATION ABOVE DESCRIBED
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LODESTAR AND SUTEL. BUREAU, THROUGH LIAISON WITH STATE DEPARTMENT,
REQUESTED VERIFY AND ASCERTAIN RESULTS ANY CONTACTS MADE WITH
STATE DEPARTMENT BY PORTUONDO. NEW YORK REQUESTED REMIAN ALERT
FOR ANY PERTINENT INFO RE PORTUONDO-S VISIT TO UN. MIAMI WILL FURNISH
MORE DETAILS RE HIS TRIP WHEN AVIALABLE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MIAMI (105-1742)

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (109-44)

SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
(OO: MIAMI)

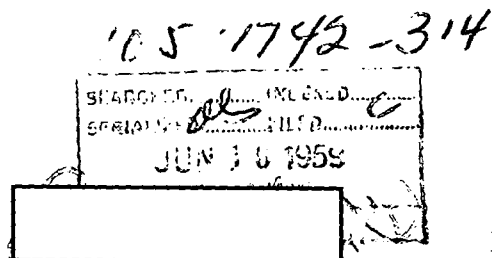
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ReBulet to Miami dated 3/30/59 and San Juan
let to Bureau and Miami dated 5/14/59.

There has been no information reported regarding
captioned subject matter from sources and intelligence
agencies in the San Juan area since the date of the last
letter dated 5/14/59.

2 - Miami
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PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-584)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-1742)

ANTI FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
IS - CUBA

ReBuairtel, 6/5/59; MM airtel, 6/6/59.

On 6/8/59, [redacted] Attorney for ARTHUR VINING DAVIS, Miami, Fla., advised he knew of no contribution, advance, or other assistance given or rendered to a Cuban group or individual by ARTHUR VINING DAVIS. He suggested perhaps the loan made by Mr. DAVIS to FRANCISCO G. CAJIGAS, Isle of Pines property owner, on 3/3/59, may have been the basis for the rumor that there had been a loan or contribution of \$125,000.

[redacted] explained that on 1/1/59, when former President FULGENCIO BATISTA of Cuba fled the island, Mr. DAVIS, upon hearing of the info, dispatched his private plane and pilots to the Isle of Pines to effect the transportation to the US from the Isle of Pines of FRANCISCO G. CAJIGAS and his family. b7C

[redacted] explained that at some time in the past, CAJIGAS had apparently performed a great service for

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Mr. DAVIS and was very highly regarded by Mr. DAVIS.

[] stated that after coming to the US, Mr. CAJIGAS and his family were settled in or near the Delray, Fla., area by Mr. DAVIS and on 3/9/59, a loan in the amount of \$144,000 was made to Mr. CAJIGAS through the formation of a company known as the Segovia Corp. This loan is secured by mortgages on property located in the Key West, Fla. area which is owned by Mr. CAJIGAS.

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The loan specifies that it is to be repaid in a 4 year period and the proceeds of the loan are issued to Mr. CAJIGAS at the rate of \$6000 a month. [] said Mr. DAVIS calls this "living expenses for Mr. CAJIGAS."

[] stated that at one time Mr. CAJIGAS decided to transfer an enormous amount of stock and property which he holds in the Isle of Pines, to Mr. DAVIS' name, back-dating the transfer to show that it took place prior to the fall of the BATISTA Government, in order that his property would have the additional safeguard of being in the name of an American. [] said he recommended against this and that the proposition was not effected.

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[] stated he felt sure that had any contribution of money of any sort been made by Mr. DAVIS, he, as Mr. DAVIS' attorney, would in all probability have been aware of same. He stated that contact with [] the Office Manager for ARTHUR VINING DAVIS, might be productive. b7C

[] contacted [] on 6/8/59, and advised that there was no record of any sort reflecting a contribution by Mr. DAVIS to ORLANDO MASFERRER, or to any other organization or group with which [] was familiar.

[] pointed out that while the sum of the above loan is \$144,000 it is still in his opinion, close enough to the sum of \$125,000 to furnish a basis for rumor that ARTHUR VINING DAVIS contributed that sum to someone in anti-FIDEL CASTRO activities.

URGENT 6-10-59 6-18 PM JHM

TO - DIRECTOR AND SAC MIAMI

FROM - SAC WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE 2P

ANTI FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES, IS CUBA. REMMTEL JUNE TEN.
RECORDS FAA, WDC, REFLECT REGISTRATION NUMBERS N SEVEN SEVEN
SEVEN, N SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN X, N SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN Y, AND N
SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN Z ALL RESERVED FOR MADDEN AND PLAYFORD
AIRCRAFT, INC., MIAMI, IN JAN., FIFTYSEVEN. N SEVEN SEVEN
SEVEN ASSIGNED TO LOCKWOOD LODESTAR SN TWO ONE EIGHT NINE
IN NAME OF MADDEN AND PLAYFORD SINCE OCT., FIFTYSIX. N SEVEN
SEVEN SEVEN X ASSIGNED TO LOCKHEED LODESTAR SN TWO ZERO SEVEN
FOUR IN NAME OF MADDEN AND PLAYFORD SINCE APRIL FIFTYSEVEN.
N SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN Y ASSIGNED TO BEECH, C DASH EIGHTEEN S,
SN SIX TWO NINE ZERO, SINCE JAN., FIFTYSEVEN, IN NAME OF
ANDROS AIR, INC., HIALEAH, FLA., WHO PURCHASED FROM MADDEN
AND PLAYFORD IN DECEMBER, FIFTYSIX. N SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN Z
ASSIGNED TO LOCKHEED LODESTAR SN TWO ZERO FIVE ONE SINCE NOV.
FIFTYEIGHT, IN NAME OF TAYLOR CONSTRUCTION CO., MIAMI, FLA.
WHO PURCHASED FROM MADDIN AND PLAYFORD IN FEB., FIFTY EIGHT.
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NO RECORD RECENT TRANSFERHZAUCZO AIRCRAFT IN RECORDS OR NEW
MAIL AT FAA. UNABLE TO LOCATE REGISTRATION OF AIRCRAFT TO

[REDACTED]

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RECORDS FAA. RUC

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CORR PLS LINE ONE PAGE TWO FROM RECENT TO RECORDS

"TRANSFER THOSE AIRCRAFT IN RECORDS

OK FBI MM TOM

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DATE: June 3, 1959

TO: Thomas J. Kelly, Metropolitan Sheriff

FROM: [REDACTED] Supervisor, Criminal Intelligence

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948670

4:30 pm

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES,
WILLIAM T. WINN

On May 23, 1959, Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on information received from a confidential source contacted [REDACTED] W/M, 26 years of [REDACTED] with reference to alleged illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

After securing permission from the owner, the Agents inspected the premises with negative results.

Upon questioning, the subject stated that he had made several contacts with Cuban revolutionaries during the revolution and that he was the owner of a Twin engine Beach Craft now awaiting repairs in Santiago, Oriente, Cuba. b7C

The Aircraft bearing register number N 5293V and serial number 51-11526 was purchased from Delta Leasing Corporation on 36th Street Miami, Florida for \$7,500. [REDACTED] paid about \$700 and the rest of the money was put up by the Cuban Revolutionary Committee. A Cuban national named MANUEL ZIAZ or DIAZ did most of the financial transactions.

According to [REDACTED] the plane was bought in his name and was to be operated by him because his citizenship would not arouse suspicions.

The plane was delivered just after Christmas of 1958 and the course of events prevented any use of it for gun-running purposes.

On January 7, 1959, [REDACTED] a Cuban pilot for Aero Expresso named [REDACTED] and a doctor whose name is unknown, left Tamiami Airport for Cuba without filing a flight plan or clearing with Customs.

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The three landed at Rancho Boyeros Airport near Havana, from where [REDACTED] later rented the plane to a Cuban to go to Santiago, Oriente where the plane was damaged. According to the subject, the left rudder of the tail assembly has to be replaced.

[REDACTED] stated that he had bought the part and kept in storage at his home while waiting for an opportunity to take it to Cuba. When questioned about arms movements or other illegal activities, [REDACTED] stated that about two weeks ago he went to a home located at 2356 S.W. 12th Street where, through the owner, [REDACTED] he met with a Cuban pilot, [REDACTED] who acts as contact with the Cuban exiles in Miami.

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According to the subject, [] goes on mysterious trips and just two days previously he had gone to W. Palm Beach on business.

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It was [] who took [] to a house located at 1747 N.W. 44th Street or in the proximity where he met six or eight Cubans who declared that they were opposing Fidel Castro's Government and they had several missions for the subject.

[] revealed that this group had conceived a plan to pick up ANSELMO ALLIEGRO from the Bahamas and land him illegally in the U.S.

The plan did not go into effect because ALLIEGRO, on his arrival in transit from Chile suffered a heart attack and was permitted to remain on parole.

This group also asked [] if he was willing to fly into the U.S., eight Cuban exiles who at the present time were living in Mexico City. [] said that he was offered \$5,000 per alien for the flight from Mexico to a location in Texas which had not been revealed to him.

The subject added that he had contacted, through a former Cuban Secret Policeman, [] FERNANDO BUSTO who acts as the money man for the Batista exiles in Miami. [] seemed to be cooperative and willing to furnish information as to further developments.

b7C

Respectfully submitted,

[]
[]
Intelligence Agent

[]
[] Supervisor
Criminal Intelligence

cc: F.B.I.
U.S. Department of State
U.S. Customs
U.S. Border Patrol

MEMO, SAC:

Miami, Fla.
6/1/59

[redacted]
PSI

On 5/22/59, PSI [redacted] furnished the following info in a written report to SA [redacted] the original of which is being filed in [redacted]

"Miami, Fla.
May 21, 59

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"Time: 3:00 P. M. May 20, 1959
"Place: Miami, Florida

"Wednesday afternoon [redacted] was approached by a young man in regard to selling to Hattista sympathizers, arms, ammunition and hand grenades.

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"The above products were to have been delivered to Castro prior to New Years 1959, but were kept instead by [redacted] and supposedly here in Miami at the residence of [redacted]

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"Description of the man:
Height - 5'8", weight - 145, slender build, complex-fair and blond.
Name - [redacted] telephone no. [redacted]
Employed - Eastern Ambulance Service
Has pilot's license, also a twin engine aircraft which is supposed to be disabled in Cuba.

* - Miami (105-1742)

(1- [redacted])

(1-105-1870 Sergio D. Brull Diaz)

(1-109-49 Cuban AF)

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"Time: Wednesday May 20, 1959 4:00 PM.

"Telephone contact was made with Serge Burriel. He stated that on Monday May 25, 1959 that a contact would be made by either Serge or the Cuban consul, Mr. Baby in regard to some assignment they wish to be carried out.

Time: Thursday, May 21, 1959 1:30 P. M.

[redacted] with friends went to the office of a Mr. Fernando Busto located in the Ralston Building 3rd floor. The conversation was carried on in Spanish with [redacted] b7C The topic was current situation in Cuba, the threat of Communism, the effect on American interests in Cuba, the role of various revolutionary leaders especially Che Vara and Roul Castro.

"Mr. Busto is well educated and exceptionally gracious. He has appeared on television in Cuba many times for Battista. Mr. Busto stated there is a group with which he is associated made up of old Battista followers with a new leader named Pedraza.

"Mr. Busto was informed that [redacted] had friends with a plane ready to help the C. R. A. C. in Cuba. Mr. Busto appeared grateful but non-committal.

"Mr. Busto is an attorney - acted as attorney for Battista, also made political speeches on Battista's behalf."

[redacted] SA

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Miami, Florida
June 10, 1959

MEMO, SAC (105-1742)

RE: ANTI FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
IS - CUBA

On 6/2/59, [redacted]
[redacted] Miami, who is associated with ROLANDO
MASFERRER in Anti-Castro activities, advised as
follows:

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On the preceding Saturday, 20,000 Anti-Castro pamphlets were dropped over Cuba by two light airplanes, according to a Cuban radio announcement. [redacted] stated actually one plane, a P 51 airplane, did drop 20,000 pamphlets over Cuba. He said the Cuban Government is apparently very much incensed about this operation.

[redacted] stated this activity is being promoted by the movement Anti-Communist, American, and Latin Foundation, Inc., of which [redacted]

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[redacted] said there is now a clandestine radio operating in the Escambray in Cuba every night over the 40 meter band.

[redacted] said he has received information from his Cuban associates to the effect that WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN now has taken several thousand men away from the forces of FIDEL CASTRO. He did not possess any information as to the location of these men, nor what type of activity they are presently engaged in.

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[redacted] stated he now believes there will be a new government in Cuba by the end of this summer.

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On the preceding day, June 1, 1959, he ran into [] at the home of a mutual friend. [] b7C stated he pointed [] out as being the agent of the Department of Logistics in Cuba, who had threatened him while he was under arrest in Cuba several months ago. [] said [] denied that he had been an agent of Logistics, but admitted he had served as a translator for Logistics. [] said they had quite an argument and that [] was very nasty about the situation. [] stated he has warned his associates that [] is overly interested in their activities, and he suspects that [] might still be working for the Castro Government.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
June 8, 1959

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Re:

[Redacted]

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Reference is made to memorandum dated June 8, 1958, regarding captioned establishment.

New York [Redacted] mentioned in referenced memorandum has furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

June 8, 1959

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Re: [REDACTED] (S)

Internal Security - Cuba

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The "New York Times", a daily New York City newspaper, on June 8, 1959, carried an article captioned "Castro Stands Firm on Seizure of Land", which read as follows:

"Premier Fidel Castro declared today that the Government would 'never retreat an inch' on its Agrarian Reform Law.

He lashed out at 'vested interests' that he said were opposing the law, which will expropriate all cane lands of United States and Cuban sugar companies and break up large estates in the island.

'We will not change even a comma of the Agrarian Reform Law,' he declared.

The Premier spoke at a newspapermen's luncheon."

The same issue of the "New York Times" carried an article which read:

"A young Cuban army officer who said he fought with Fidel Castro charged today that the Cuban Government was dictated by Communists who touched off the Nicaraguan revolt.

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"Capt. Francisco Rodriguez, 26 years old, said Soviet officers were helping train the Cuban army and indoctrinating its members in Communist doctrine.

Captain Rodriguez left Cuba last week on a purchasing mission. He said he would seek political asylum in the United States rather than go back. He said Cuban soldiers were being taught communism by Premier Castro's younger brother, Raul, who is commander of the country's armed forces. "

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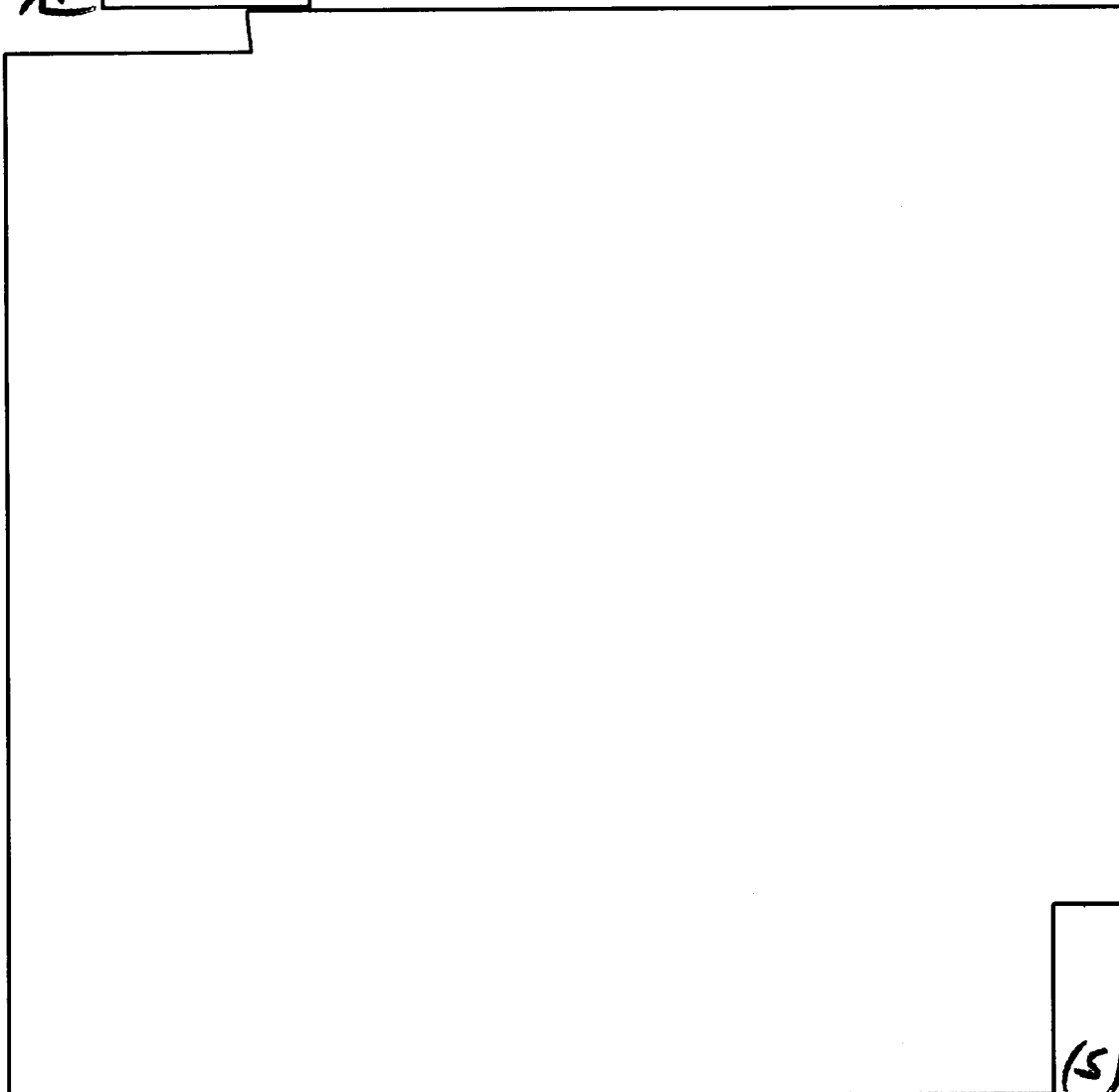
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [REDACTED] (S)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (S)

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Attached are eleven copies of memorandum with an equal number of evaluation memorandum regarding information in the "New York Times", a daily NYC newspaper, on 6/8/59. The article sets forth a story regarding FIDEL CASTRO's comments on the new "Agrarian Reform Law", and a second article regarding the defection of a "Captain FRANCISCO RODRIQUEZ", a former Cuban Army officer.

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NY [REDACTED] in the memorandum is [REDACTED] (S)

The memorandum is being furnished to the Bureau and Miami for their information.

4 - Bureau (Encls. 22) (RM)

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2 - Miami (Encls. 4) (RM)

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1 - New York (105-35253)

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value whose continued use may be jeopardized.

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The evaluation memorandum has been classified
"~~Confidential~~" for the same reason.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (105-7281)
SUBJ: [REDACTED]
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Re Newark letter to the Director, dated 6/9/59,
which sets forth background information on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED],
disclosed on 6/8/59, that he had received a telephone call
from a man who identified himself only as ROBERTO, a
delegate of FIDEL CASTRO. ROBERTO stated that if [REDACTED]
wished to have two of his brothers in Cuba continue to live,
[REDACTED] would have to pay \$3,000 in American cash. ROBERTO

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 - (1 - 109-584) (ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES)
 - (1 - 105-75511) (CUBAN RETALIATION-BATISTA ADHERENTS)
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 - (1 - [REDACTED])
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added that he had a letter from one of [] brothers in Cuba indicating that the brothers, [] would be shot unless [] paid the money. [] advised ROBERTO that he would be unable to pay the money until he went to the bank the following day. ROBERTO agreed to wait until the next day and advised [] that he would call again at 5:00 p.m. on 6/8/59, and give [] further instructions.

[] Hoboken Police Department, on 6/8/59, arranged with the local telephone company manager to attempt to trace the proposed call. At approximately 5:15 p.m. a call was made to []. One ROBERTO advised [] that at 9:30 p.m. that night to drive south on Route 1 opposite the Newark Airport and put the \$3,000 in an empty Rheingold beer can located on the floor of the booth, and crush the can with his foot. [] was further instructed that at 10:30 p.m. he should drive on the opposite side going north on Route 1, and he would find the letter from his brother located in a telephone booth there. b7C b7D

In the meanwhile, [] of the Hoboken Telephone Co. office, was only able to determine that the phone call being made to [] was dialed from a Henderson or Swathmore exchange in Jersey City. [] assumed local jurisdiction and with the aid of the Newark, N.J. Police Department planted the areas of the telephone booths on Route 1, Newark, N.J.

About 11:00 p.m., 6/8/59, a black car pulled up to the booth. A man got out and went into the telephone booth. He picked up the can and as he prepared to flee, the police closed in and apprehended []. [] Hoboken, and his cousin, [] also [], Newark.

The cousins told police that they did not fight in the recent Cuban revolution, but one recently returned from the island.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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Date: *June 10, 1959*Transmit the following in _____
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To: SAC, Miami

✓ From: Director, FBI (109-584)

Subject: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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Re Atlanta tel 6- 8-59.

Unless some reason exists to the contrary
interview [] for all pertinent information in
his possession. You should particularly endeavor to
determine the identities of his contacts who are
"close to the FBI."

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MEMO, SAC (105-1742)

RE: ANTI - BATISTA ACTIVITIES
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On 5/21/59, [] PSI, orally
advised SA [] as follows:

While at the parking lot which is being
operated in the north-west section of Miami by one
[] observed that his friend, []
[] PSI, was approached by an individual with
whom [] engaged in conversation. Following the
conversation, [] told [] that the man to
whom he had been speaking stated he had a cache of
guns located in his house and that he desired to find
a buyer for these guns. [] got the impression
that this individual had possession of these guns for
some time prior to 1/1/59.

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[] left the name and telephone number
of the individual to whom he had been talking on a
slip of paper. [] observed this name was []
[] telephone []

It is to be noted [] also disclosed to
[] that this individual has a twin engine airplane
in Cuba which is damaged and he needed money for repairs.

[] described this individual as being
about:

Age	21
Height	5' 8"
Weight	145

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Hair	Black, pompadour style
Build	Slender
Citizenship	Apparently US Citizen

Miami City telephone directory reflects that [redacted] has telephone [redacted]

Miami indices are negative concerning this person.

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On 5/25/59, [redacted] United States Customs, was notified, and on 5/28/59, [redacted] of the Public Safety Department, Dade County, was also notified.

Later in the day, [redacted] advised that his office had interviewed [redacted] had searched his house with his consent, but had found no guns. [redacted] however, admitted having been active in flying airplanes on behalf of Cuban Revolutionaries and he appeared to be of a cooperative nature.

[redacted] stated that he was going to prepare a written report and would furnish this office with same.

[redacted]
Special Agent

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TO : SAC, Miami (105-1742)

DATE: June 9, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (109-584)

SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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Reurlet 5-26-59 with enclosure.

Institute immediate investigations of Evilio Aipizar Perez, Carlos A. G. Valls Ruiz, and Arcadio R. Reynolds Martin to determine their contacts, background and activities. Concerning Evilio Aipizar Perez, your attention is directed to your letter of 5-22-59 captioned "Cuban Revolutionary Activities," with enclosure.

These men were
brought to office
6/10/59 by Orlando Dignado
I am leaving them with
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Miami, Florida
June 5, 1959

MEMO, SAC (105-1742)

RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
IS - CUBA

The following is written report of [redacted]
[redacted] PSI, dated 6/2/59, received by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on 6/2/59. (Original filed in [redacted])

Miami, Florida
June 2, 1959

HAYSON JONES, a charter fishing boat captain in Havana, is involved in a movement to overthrow FIDEL CASTRO. General PEDRAZA is the leader and JUSTO LUIS POZO is the treasurer. JONES is specifically engaged in gathering information concerning military installations in Cuba. [redacted] of a parking lot at 8020 Northwest 7th Avenue, Miami, receives the money for support of this movement from various collection points in Cuba and then turns it over to POZO, who lives at 710 Ridgewood Drive, Key Biscayne.

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On 5/29/59, 2:00 P. M., [redacted] flew [redacted] and [redacted] of the Miami National Bank, to the Isle of Pines, Cuba, where they stayed at the Bamboo Club. [redacted] was sent by POZO to collect money from anti-CASTRO sympathizers and to obtain information about Cuban military installations from HAYSON JONES. JOHNSON procured a map of such installations on the Isle of Pines together with a detailed drawing of the communications system there, information concerning planes based

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1 - 2-156 (MASFERRER)

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there, and statistics regarding the strength and displacement of Cuban troops stationed there. These three persons returned by private plane to Miami on 5/31/59, 6:00 P. M.

HAYSON JONES and another American named PETRI (Phonetic) are supposed to arrive in Miami from Cuba on the evening of 6/2/59. PETRI stated that he was able to obtain as many P-51 planes together with pilots as are needed, and the price is \$10,000.00 for each plane-pilot unit, They will be obtained from some location in Georgia.

POZO recently said that approximately 25,000 troops, nationality unknown, are stationed in the Dominican Republic, supposedly for the protection of the Dominican Republic, but actually to be used for an invasion of Cuba to overthrow the CASTRO regime.

In a week or 10 days, some disruptive fighting will break out in Cuba, taking the form of localized uprisings and outbursts.

On 6/1/59, ROLANDO HASFERRER, with 2 bodyguards,

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[redacted] met at POZO's residence. During this meeting, [redacted] threatened to shoot [redacted] accusing him of being an agent for the Department of Logistics, Havana, and saying that [redacted] had pointed a machine gun at his stomach one time in the past when [redacted] had been under arrest. [redacted] denied this and claimed that he had been a translator for the Department of Logistics and, in fact, had intervened with the U. S. Department of State on [redacted] behalf when [redacted] had been under arrest. POZO and HASFERRER examined a typed report which had been signed by [redacted] as an Inspector for the Department of Logistics. POZO expressed the opinion that this document seemed to support [redacted] position and to contradict [redacted] remarks.

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Informant stated that [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] were involved in these activities since they were
strongly anti-CASTRO and were also interested in
financial gain.

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[redacted]
Special Agent

Miami, Florida
June 4, 1959

On the evening of June 2, 1959, ERLE PEACOCK and HAYSON JONES arrived at the Miami International Airport from Havana, Cuba, via Cubana Airlines; their fares were paid by JUSTO LUIS ROZO, former Mayor of Havana, who had also provided JONES with a check for expenses in the amount of \$200.00. PEACOCK is in the real estate business in Atlanta, Georgia; also maintains some property on the Isle of Pines, Cuba, and is described as being 54 years of age, 5'4" - 5'5", 135 lbs., slender build, with thinning brown hair. JONES is a charter fishing boat captain in Havana, who is described as 5'9", 195 lbs, 45 years, hefty build, with a receding hairline. PEACOCK departed from the airport with an unknown male for a residence located between 15th and 16th Streets on 68th Avenue, S. W.

On the same evening, [redacted]

[redacted] HAYSON JONES, and BORRAE (PH)

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met at POZO's residence. The discussion concerned proposed plans for the attack and capture of the Isle of Pines, during which JONES explained the maps and hand-drawn sketches he had recently obtained depicting various military and communication installations on the Isle of Pines. JONES said that PEACOCK could obtain all the ammunition, planes, pilots and related supplies that would be needed and that the planes and pilots are located in or near Atlanta, Georgia. JONES said that PEACOCK has ten P-51's available immediately with pilots at a price of \$10,000 for each pilot-plane unit. JONES explained that PEACOCK has a brother in the U. S. State Department who will be able to handle the necessary matters involved in getting these out of the country.

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[] stated that SORRAE told him that he collected approximately \$104,000 from numerous anti-CASTRO sympathizers in Miami on June 2, 1959.

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On June 3, 1959, JONES, [] and POZO visited FRANCISCO CAJIGAS at the Towers Hotel in Miami. CAJIGAS is a wealthy property owner on the Isle of Pines. They presented the plan of attack on the Isle of Pines which had been discussed on June 2, 1959, and asked for CAJIGAS' support; however, CAJIGAS seemed doubtful about it.

JONES feels that if POZO does not accept and support the original plan for the attack on the Isle of Pines, he will present an alternate plan in which it will be suggested that JONES, [] assume the full responsibility for the conquest of the Isle of Pines. This is based upon the assumption that POZO back the operation financially. JONES' plan in brief is to destroy the communications system, and then attack the prison in order to free the 2,000 persons there, which would be a ready-made army. JONES said that he already collected 60 people on the Isle of Pines who were completely loyal to him and were ready to begin the offensive at any time. Under this plan, the Isle of Pines would first be used as a base of operations for an invasion of Cuba and then later would, through election, declare itself a free and independent state and become a refuge for political exiles.

Miami, Florida
June 5, 1959

MEMO, SAC (105-1742)

Re: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
IS - CUBA

The following is written report of [redacted]
[redacted] PSI, dated 5/25/59, received by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on 6/2/59; (Original is filed in [redacted])

Miami, Florida
May 25, 1959

At the invitation of Mr. BUSTO and wife, a meeting was held at 2121 S. W. 25th Street. The purpose of the meeting was to meet certain people who will be mentioned in this report and to discuss the transporting of a Dr. LAMAS to the Dominican Republic with information for JOSE PEDRAZA and then returning with Dr. LAMAS to the U. S. A. The plane and expense to be provided by friends of PEDRAZA. The trip is to be taken in two weeks.

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From bits of the conversation, the information to be carried is in regard to a united effort to overthrow of CASTRO. The kind of support to be expected from supporters of PEDRAZA and BATISTA here in Florida and co-ordination of combined effort.

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Dr. LAMAS - psychiatrist director of mental high hospital in Havana. Dr. LAMAS is about age 42, 5'7", 175#, speaks English fluently, black hair, olive complexion. Took his internship and residency in New York.

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Dr. BUSTO attorney, 5'8", 180#, wears glasses, olive complexion, black hair, director of juvenile program.

Mr. VILLOS, muscular build, 5'8", 185#, black curly hair.

[redacted] 5'8" - 6', Scandanavian American, speaks Spanish, appears blond, has mustache, works at Spitzer Motors.

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Mr. BUSTO and wife mentioned in an earlier report.

Mr. FERNANDEZ tall slender 6'1 or 2", 165#, wears glasses.

[redacted]
Special Agent

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Date: 6/11/59

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI

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PROTECT, ADVISED MEETING HELD FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.

JUNE TEN. ATTENDANCE INCLUDED MEMBERS OF CRUSADE

OF REVOLUTIONARIES AGAINST COMMUNISM (CRAC) AND SOCIEDAD

ANTICOMUNISTA DE LIBERACION (SAL). ~~REDACTED~~

~~REDACTED~~ *SIN-IN-LAW OF EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO*
 RAFAEL GARCIA NAVARRO, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., ~~REDACTED~~ *Former Cuban Rep. United States*
 REPRESENTED SAL AND DR. FRANCISCO "PACO" RODRIGUEZ AND
 FNU VARELA, CUBANS RESIDING IN MIAMI, REPRESENTED CRAC.
 MENTIONED AT MEETING WAS IMPATIENCE OF ARMED GROUPS IN
 CUBA AWAITING WORD FOR ACTION AND EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT
 SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE PRIOR TO JUNE THIRTY. GROUPS
 IN CUBA DESCRIBED AS WELL PREPARED AND ORGANIZED AND
 TIRED OF WAITING. SALVADOR DIAZ VERNON, LEADER OF CRAC,
 AND JOSE LUIS PUJOL, HIS ASSISTANT, CURRENTLY IN GUATEMALA
 ATTEMPTING TO RAISE FUNDS. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED
 OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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Approved: 

Special Agent in Charge

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MEMO, SAC (109-49)

Re: CUBAN AIR FORCE
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - CUBA

On May 26, 1959, [redacted] furnished an oral report to SA [redacted], subsequently reduced to a typed report and approved by informant, the original of which is located in [redacted]

Miami, Florida
May 26, 1959

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MARIO MERINO, Chief of the Secret Police, Ministry of Government, Havana, Cuba, claims to have in his possession a file abandoned by the Secret Police of the Cuban National Police under BATISTA, which file reflects payments made by the BATISTA government to members of the Miami Police Department and to United States Customs in Miami. The identity of these individuals was not disclosed by MERINO. Efforts are being made to obtain a copy, if possible, and more information concerning this alleged file.

- 1 - 109-49
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 2-165 (Carlos Prio Socarras)
- 1 - 105-1734 - (Manuel Diaz)
- 1 - 100-13077 (Communist Party of Cuba)
- ① - 105-1742 (Anti Fidel Castro)
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- 1 - 105-1747 (Cuban Political Activities)
- 1 - 105-1715 (Cuban Retaliation)
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- 1 - 105-1042 (Anti Castro)
- 1 - 105-1810 - (DIER)
- 1 - 2-192 (Frank Fiorini)
- 1 - 105-1870 (Sergio Brule)

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In connection with the C-74 airplane seized by United States Customs, Miami on May 22, 1959, this same plane had been in Cuba a short time prior to its seizure. DOMINICK BARTONE unsuccessfully attempted to sell this plane to the Cuban government. It was too expensive and needed too many repairs.

A two-engine airplane bearing serial number CUN-611, which belonged to CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS was piloted to Cuba about three days ago by MANUEL J. DIAZ. The Cuban Air Force plans to confiscate this plane in Cuba.

On May 20th, ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, Major PERNAS and Major FLEITAS, all of whom had been leaders in the Second Front of the Escambray during the revolution against BATISTA, came to see Major MARCOS DIAZ in Havana, Assistant to his brother, Major PEDRO LUIS DIAZ, Chief of the Revolutionary Air Force (FAR). These three men told MARCOS that they had about four hundred men who were without jobs, and that they would like to put them to work for the Cuban government in order to keep them out of trouble.

On May 22, 1959, a conference was held at FAR between RAUL CASTRO, brother of FIDEL CASTRO, and Major PEDRO DIAZ, Chief of FAR. Also present at this meeting were MARCOS DIAZ, Captain ALFREDO GUERRA, Captain RINALDO BLANCO (paymaster for FAR) Captain ANTONIO SANSON, JOSE DEL RIO, assistant to PEDRO DIAZ; Captain JOSE VARONA, assistant to PEDRO DIAZ; Captain PEPIN CRUZ, assistant to PEDRO DIAZ; and Lieutenant JUAN FERNANDEZ DE CASTRO, assistant to MARCOS DIAZ and to ALFREDO GUERRA.

At the meeting, RAUL CASTRO stated that he "wanted to put his cards on the table". RAUL then related that he is not a Communist. He explained that he had made a trip to Europe to attend a youth conference behind the Iron Curtain because he was inspired by youth and interest.

He then went on to state that he was going to turn over to PEDRO DIAZ all of the air force bases in Cuba and increase the air force personnel from 1,200 men to 2,200 men as proof of the fact that he is not a Communist and that he is a true friend of PEDRO DIAZ.

MARCOS DIAZ told RAUL CASTRO at this meeting that he desired to place Major PERNAS in FAR in charge of security of air police at the various air force bases and fields.

PEDRO and MARCOS DIAZ planned to use 500 men from the July 26 Revolutionary Movement and 500 men from the Second Front of the Escambray in increasing the size of FAR from 1,200 to 2,200 men.

It is believed that RAUL CASTRO attended the above meeting upon instructions of FIDEL CASTRO, as FIDEL has previously indicated his approval and confidence in PEDRO DIAZ. Indications are that it will soon be announced that RAUL CASTRO is Commander in Chief of the armed forces of the Cuban Army, Navy and Police, but not of the Cuban Air Force.

It was also announced by RAUL during this meeting with PEDRO DIAZ that the Cuban Air Force would take over immediately all of the air force bases in Cuba, and that they could also take over control of all private airfields. The Cuban Air Force has three bases in Havana, two in Santiago, one in Camaguey, one in Las Villas, and one in Pinar del Rio Province.

The new Baracoa Air School will not be opened until June. It is anticipated that by the end of six months, there will be from one hundred to one hundred fifty pilots in training there. Navigators, bombardiers, mechanics and other air force personnel will receive training at the same school. MARCOS DIAZ will be in charge of this school.

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It is felt that **FIDEL CASTRO** will send **RAUL CASTRO**, upon his next mistake, on a special mission to get him out of Cuba.

It appears that **FIDEL CASTRO** is turning more and more away from Communism and towards a middle of the road position politically. Upon returning to Cuba from his trip to the United States, **CASTRO** threw nineteen Communists out of the Academy Baldor, which is located in the Vedado district of Havana, and he informed **AURELIO BALDOR**, head of this school, that he should choose his own teachers.

Four days ago, the July 26 revolutionary movement began a move to oust all Communists from union leadership. It appears that **SALVADOR DAVID**, Chief of the Confederation of Cuban Trade Unions, is on his way out. **EZEKIEL GOMEZ**, of the bus driver's union, disclosed several days ago that he has been invited back to his union. **GOMEZ** is anti-Communist. The July 26 is also calling back other non-Communist former leaders to positions of leadership.

FIDEL CASTRO has publicly announced that within three months he will fix the date for elections.

Contrary to recent newspaper articles in Miami, it is felt certain that the Cuban government has not sent men as a "goon squad" to Miami for the purpose of intimidating, threatening, or in any way harming exiles of the **BATISTA** regime.

There are still in the area some caches of dynamite which were stored prior to January 1, 1959 in Miami by the July 26 and other anti-**BATISTA** groups. **PEDRO DIAZ** has instructed Lieutenant **RANDOLFO COSSIO** to put a notice in "Diario Las Americas" and several Cuban newspapers to the effect that persons who have dynamite stored in their homes in Miami should notify the Cuban Consul General, who will, in turn, notify the Miami Police Department.

The Cuban government will try to get permission from the United States government to take back to Cuba any guns which were stored here prior to January 1. There is already a stack of several hundred guns and considerable ammunition in a hangar at Air International, Miami International Airport. United States Customs, Miami has knowledge of these guns, and makes frequent checks to determine that they are still there.

The FAR is planning to discontinue its office at Air International. FAR will probably rent a house as its office. FRANK FIORINI, investigator of FAR, wants to become a public relations man as a "cover" for his activities as an investigator. FIORINI returned to Miami on a brief trip May 5th from Cuba in a plane piloted by Lieutenant HUBERT MAMONTE and accompanied by SERGIO BRULE DIAZ and JUAN FERNANDEZ DE CASTRO. All of these men checked in at the Ankara Motel, Miami Beach.

FAR investigators have determined that FERNANDO DEL BUSTO, a Cuban attorney, South River Drive, Miami, has two or three boats, including some LSTs in the Miami River. DEL BUSTO is a BATISTA man. Also involved in this matter is HORNEDO IZAGUIRRE, a former Cuban senator and newspaperman who has money.

MANUEL J. DIAZ, investigator for FAR, recently sent a man who formerly worked for the Cuban Consulate to the Dominican Republic, where he learned that BATISTA gave twenty-five million dollars to an organization headed by General JOSE PEDRAZA, who is in charge of training, recruiting, etc., of men from Mexico and the United States in connection with an anti-CASTRO movement.

FIDEL CASTRO plans to attack first, if he learns that an attack by TRUJILLO, or by Cubans from the Dominican Republic, is imminent. The FAR is attempting to obtain F-100 jet fighters, helicopters, and P-51

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planes, but is having some difficulty obtaining these from the United States.

About fifteen or twenty days ago, two agents of DIER in Havana were heard conversing to the effect that they would have to do something about ROLANDO MASFERRER and the TABERNILLA people in Miami. They did not disclosed that they had any specific plans.

With regard to LOMBERTO DIAZ, this man was a former Minister of Government of CARLOS PRIO. He returned to Cuba with PRIO shortly after January 1, and has been in Cuba ever since. He has been seen at the home of PRIO.

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To: SAC, Miami

✓ From: Director, FBI (105-584)

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Unless some reason exists to the contrary, you should contact ~~Madden~~ and ~~Playford Aircraft, Inc.~~, and ~~H. Johnson~~ for all details concerning the purchase of the plane in question. Ascertain who put up the money and the use to which the plane will be put. You should also determine whether the plane departed the U.S. as indicated.

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TO: Director, FBI (109-584)

FROM: SAC, Miami (105-1742-324)

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In view of fact plans of subject and organizations with which he is associated known only to few, it is believed interview of [redacted] at this time would jeopardize one or both informants currently reporting on activities. UACB no interview of [redacted] will be conducted until a later date.

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TO : SAC, MIAMI (105-174^v) (105-1715)

DATE: June 11, 1959

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-6033) (105-5830)

SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
(OO Miami)CUBAN RETALIATION AGAINST BATISTA
ADHERENTS IN THE UNITED STATES
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
(OO Miami)

Rebulet dated March 30, 1959.

The Chicago Office continues to maintain close contact with sources in a position to furnish information concerning Latin American matters and continues to make active inquiries to determine whether individuals or groups in the territory covered by the Chicago Office are active in connection with either of the above matters.

During the past month no information of value has been developed. Any information developed in the future will be furnished for inclusion in your monthly reports.

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TO : SAC, MIAMI

DATE: 6/11/59

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (105-1095)

SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
IS - CUBA

Re New Orleans airtel to Miami, 5/12/59;
report of SA [redacted] dated 6/4/59 at Miami.

Monthly Summary

Confidential Informants contacted during the last thirty-day period have no knowledge of any Anti-Fidel Castro activities in the New Orleans area.

There are no Pro-Batista Cuban refugees presently known to be residing in the territory covered by the New Orleans Division according to information received from the afore-mentioned Confidential Informants as well as from C. W. JOHNSON, District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service, New Orleans.

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SAC, BOSTON (105-4151)

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OO: Miami

ReBulet to Miami 3/30/59.

Sources in Boston have furnished no pertinent information during the past month concerning Anti-Fidel Castro activities.

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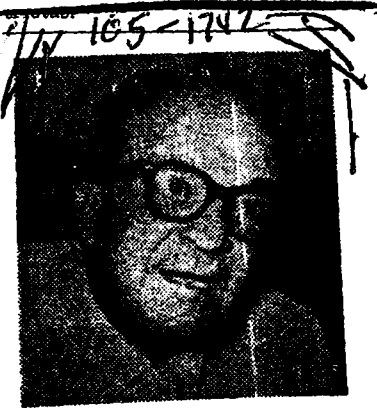
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MIRO CARDONA

Acepta Miró Cardona Embajada de España

LA HABANA, mayor 15.—
(UPI).— Se anunció oficial-
mente que el doctor José Mi-
ró Cardona, ex primer Minis-
tro de Cuba, aceptó el cargo
de embajador cubano en Ma-
drid.

El Dr. Miró Cardona, ex-
presidente del Colegio de
Abogados de Cuba, renunció
a la jefatura del Gobierno
Revolucionario para dar cabi-
da al actual Primer Ministro
Dr. Fidel Castro Ruz.

El nuevo embajador, sien-
do decano del Colegio de
Abogados de La Habana, fue
uno de los principales pro-
piciadores y organizadores de
la unión de instituciones ci-
vicas contra la dictadura,
obligado al exilio, continuó
trabajando, como secretario
de la Junta de Liberación.
Caída la dictadura, el Dr.
Miró Cardona, que estaba vin-
culado al Movimiento 26 de
Julio, fue exaltado al cargo
de Primer Ministro, que re-
nunció para facilitar la de-
signación del jefe de la Re-
volución, doctor Fidel Castro
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[REDACTED] IS - CUBA, ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES, IS -
CUBA. RE MMTEL, JUNE ELEVEN, LAST. [REDACTED] AND ATTORNEY

[REDACTED], ADVISED TODAY IDENTITIES OF CUBAN
MILITARY COMMUNISTS. BOTH ADVISED IDENTIFICATION BASED ON OPINION
AND FACTS WHICH CAN BE CORROBORATED BY [REDACTED] FORMER b7C

[REDACTED] CUBAN BUREAU OF CONTROL OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITY PAREN b7D
BRAC, END PAREN, WHO IS RESIDING MIAMI. FURTHER, INFO RECEIVED F
FROM CUBA, JUNE ELEVEN, LAST, BY [REDACTED] REFLECTS TEN
MEMBERS OF REBEL ARMY OF FIDEL CASTRO PAREN BARBUDOS, END PAREN, b7C
ON MAY EIGHTEEN THROUGH TWENTY, LAST, WERE STAYING AT QUOTE HOTEL b7D
UKRAINE, UNQUOTE IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA. IDENTITIES OF BARBUDOS NOT YET
KNOWN, HOWEVER, BOTH EXPRESSED OPINION THEY COULD OBTAIN IDENTITIES.

[REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE UNIT, DPS, MIAMI, FLA., STATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] QUOTE [REDACTED] UNQUOTE, [REDACTED]

PUERTO RICO, TALKED TO SOME CUBANS IN RUSSIA WHILE HE WAS AT

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IDENTIFY A MIAMI TAXICAB DRIVER

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FULL DETAILS. BOTH ADVISE WILL DEPART MAI MI THIS PM, MODE OF TRAVEL
NOT DECIDED, FOR WASHINGTON, D.C. WILL CONTACT [REDACTED] S
STATE DEPT. [REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY BOTH [REDACTED] AND
[REDACTED] STATED TO HIM THEY PLAN TO CONTACT NICARAGUAN
EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, DC, IN ORDER TO TESTIFY BEFORE OAS RE
NICARAGUAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY. SAN JUAN AT [REDACTED] INTERVIEW
[REDACTED] RE IDENTITIES OF CUBANS AND REASONS FOR PRESENCE IN RUSSIA.
DISSEMINATION COMMUNICATION BEING PREPARED WILL INCLUDE IDENTITIES
OF SUSPECTED CUBAN MILITARY COMMUNISTS. MIAMI WILL CONTACT [REDACTED]
RE IDENTITIES AND BACKGROUND OF INDIVIDUALS FURNISHED. SAN JUAN
ADVISED AIRMAIL.
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SAC, NEW YORK (105-36201)
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Re Miami letter dated 5/25/59 captioned as above.

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NY Airtel with enclosures dated 5/5/59, entitled "ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES IS - CUBA" reported information which was furnished by [REDACTED]. On page 2, paragraph 2, was stated that [REDACTED] had no specific details concerning activity in and around Miami but had only general information and rumors. [REDACTED] during this contact, on 5/1/59, was questioned regarding specific details concerning activities in Miami and he stated he was not in any position to give specific details as he had only heard these rumors from people who had come to the New York area from Miami enroute to Europe, or from other Cubans who had recently been in the Miami area.

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[REDACTED] was recontacted on 6/4/59 as requested in Miami letter and was again asked about any specific information concerning the activities of FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, SR. and JR., in anti-CASTRO activities in the Miami area. [REDACTED] reiterated his original statement that he had no specific details to furnish but only that all former BATISTA officials were in one manner or another seeking to oppose the CASTRO Government in Cuba.

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[redacted] further stated on 6/4/59, that during May, 1959 he had received a personal letter from General TABERNILLA, SR., who stated that he no longer has any desire to return to Cuban public life nor to the Cuban Army in the event that the CASTRO Government is overthrown. In this letter, TABERNILLA, SR., stated that he was a man in his 70's and now sought to live a life of peace and quiet and in all probability, if he is able, will remain in the US.

It is pointed out to Miami that [redacted] is having *great* difficulty in obtaining specific information regarding activities in and around Miami.

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[redacted] stated that in conversation with individuals who recently came to NY through Miami on their way to Europe, they have only related, in the most general terms, that the anti-CASTRO opposition is very active. [redacted] stated that these individuals are afraid of speaking in detail regarding what activity is going on in the Miami area and he also stated that there seems to be a lack of cooperation among the various groups which are opposed to FIDEL CASTRO and his government.

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The NYO, in future contacts with [redacted] and other sources, will on each occasion, attempt to obtain specific information, but it is pointed out that attempts at this time to determine specific details and identities of individuals involved have been unsuccessful. - RUC-



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Newark, New Jersey

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

June 11, 1959

**DOMINICAN ACTIVITIES IN
THE UNITED STATES**

[] whose reliability has not been established, advised that JOSE FIGUERES, ex-President of Costa Rica, is Minister Pleni-potentiary of the PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOMINICANO (PRD). FIGUERES and ROMULO BETANCOURT, President of Venezuela are heading all the operations of revolutionary activity in Latin America. They are now concentrating on the Dominican Republic.

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[] claimed that FIGUERES and BETANCOURT have issued an ultimatum to FIDEL CASTRO that "he had better start cleaning house". FIGUERES and BETANCOURT allegedly are worried about the change of opinion which the people of various governments in the Western Hemisphere have recently formed of CASTRO; and that CASTRO should change his internal activities or they will not support him in the event of an uprising against CASTRO's government.

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[] indicated that no information has come out of Caracas, Venezuela, where the Bloque Unitario de Liberacion Dominicana has been holding a congressional meeting from June 5 to 10, 1959. NICOLAS SILFA, head of the PRD in New York City, and PEDRO NADAL, representative of the February 27 Movement, have been attending this Congress in Caracas and were expected to return to New York City either June 10, 1959, or June 11, 1959.

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[] advised that TRUJILLO has fortified the Dominican Republic shore areas, which may be vulnerable to attack, with land mines; that he has increased his military installations and has fortified the Haitian border of the Dominican Republic. If there is any evidence of an invasion of the Dominican Republic, TRUJILLO has declared that he will bomb Havana, Cuba.

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[] furnished the following information on [] Dominicans connected with organizations which are pro and anti-TRUJILLO:

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PEDRO NADAL

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This man joined the Dominican Revolutionary movement and soon became NICOLAS SILFA's right-hand man. He was appointed Military Commissioner by the PRD. In this capacity, training

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in the use of manual arms was a requisite in the overall program of the movement, hence the sessions at the gun club (target practice).

NADAL is considered more of a leftist than the others. He is a known "anti-TRUJILLO" and has served time in jail in the Dominican Republic because of his activities in this direction.

Recently NADAL and his half-brother, VINICIO MOTA, turned against SILFA and attempted to displace him. They accused SILFA of being a traitor and of taking \$240,000 of the party's money. When they failed to unseat SILFA, NADAL organized a new branch of the PRD. NADAL went to Caracas representing the "Movimiento 27 de Febrero" accompanied by his assistant,

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All military efforts by way of invasion, etc., will be directed by NADAL in his capacity as Military Commissioner. He is also in charge of obtaining weapons and of training groups who will participate in any positive actions towards the overthrow of present Dominican Government.

BIENVENIDO HAZIN

This man went to Cuba from New York City for the purpose of organizing a task force for the invasion of the Dominican Republic. He is presently in Havana. Neither FIDEL CASTRO nor RAUL CASTRO were in favor of said plan, however. "CHE" GUEVARA supported HAZIN's plan and has been making efforts to win over FIDEL and RAUL. HAZIN is the brother-in-law of General RAMIREZ, present Director of the Legion of the Caribbean.

PABLO HUGO ESPAILLAT

This man is the head of the "30 de Marzo" branch. He was a recent member of the Secret Service in the Dominican Republic. There are several members who feel this man to be in the pay of TRUJILLO and that his function is to supply information to the Dominican Government. He is also considered the source of any internal strife within the party.

RAMON CASTILLO

This man is the official representative of the PRD in Puerto Rico. Active in all phases of movement, manpower, financial and weapons.

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ANGEL MIOLAN

This man is the Secretary General of the PRD.

The PRD has a Political Committee composed of eleven members.

MUNDITO SPINAL

This man is a very active member of the PRD and close associate of SILFA. He is presently a photographer for "La Prensa", New York Spanish daily.

ADOLFO CAMARENA

This man is presently the consul for the Dominican Republic in Los Angeles.

On January 6, 1953, he was appointed to this newly created post by FELIX BERNADINO, then Consul General for the Dominican Republic in New York. Prior to this appointment, CAMARENA was a vendor of tropical fruits at the Municipal Market in New York City's Park Avenue section (Manhattan). His yearly income averaged \$2,000. He further was an active member of the Legion of the Caribbean, for which activity he received a prison sentence in ausencia in the Dominican Republic.

Shortly before said appointment as consul in Los Angeles, CAMARENA had been making efforts to gain favor with TRUJILLO's government so as to effectuate an amnesty on his prison sentence and avoid possible reprisals which might be vested upon his family who lived in the Dominican Republic. He directed his petition through FELIX BERNADINO.

At that time there was a man by the name of REQUENA, owner of a weekly Spanish newspaper, who was giving TRUJILLO some trouble via publication of various articles in opposition to the government. BERNADINO then approached CAMARENA with the proposition that if he were to perform a service for the government, amnesty and a good position would be available to him. CAMARENA said he would do anything to get back in the good graces of TRUJILLO. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Upon completion of this, CAMARENA was to receive a full pardon and be named consul of Los Angeles, a position created especially for him, with an annual income estimated to be \$18,000.

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[redacted] carried out his agreement and [redacted] in a hallway on Madison Street in New York City. Immediately thereafter he was rewarded as promised and on January 6, 1953, was appointed consul in Los Angeles. He presently holds that position.

CAMARENA's wife is Puerto Rican.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-237194)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (105-4613)

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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN ACTIVITIES IN
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Attached are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to persons connected with organizations which are pro and anti-TRUJILLO.

- 5 - Bureau (Encls. 11) (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - (1 - 100-64614) (PRD)
 - (1 - 109-584) (ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES)
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 - (1 - 97-1297) (PRD)
 - (1 - FEB. 27 MOVEMENT)
 - (1 - MARCH 30 BATTALION)
 - (1 - NICOLAS SILFA)
 - (1 - PEDRO NADAL)
 - (1 - BIENVENIDO HAZIN)
 - (1 - PABLO HUGO ESPAILLAT)
 - (1 - ANGEL MIOLAN)
 - (1 - MUNDITO SPINAL)
 - (1 - FRANKLYN FRANCO)
 - (1 - VINICIO MOTA)
 - (1 - RAMON CASTILLO)
- 2 - San Juan (Encls. 2) (RM)
 - (1 - RAMON CASTILLO)
- 1 - Los Angeles (ADOLF CAMARENA) (Encls. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Miami (Encls. 2) (RM)
 - (1 - ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES)
- 7 - Newark (105-4613)
 - (1 - 105-7013) (MARCH 30 BATTALION)
 - (1 - 105-6927) (FEB. 27 MOVEMENT)
 - (1 - 97-207) (PRD)
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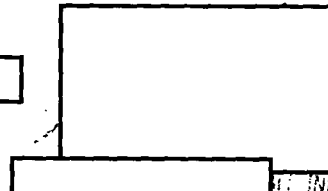
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The information was furnished by [redacted]
[redacted], aka. to SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on 6/10/59. b7C

[redacted] stated that the sources of the information supplied by him are as follows: b7D

LUZ SILFA, President of the organization "Dominican Women in Exile". She is the wife of NICOLAS SILFA, head of PRD.

MUNDITO SPINALL, already described in the body of this memo.

LUISA QUINTERO, mother of LUIS ECHEANDIA, who is presently a free lance writer and who formerly served as a reporter for the New York published Spanish newspaper, "La Prensa".

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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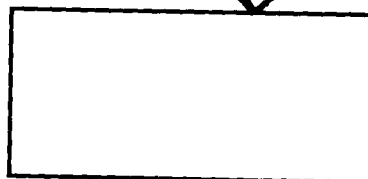
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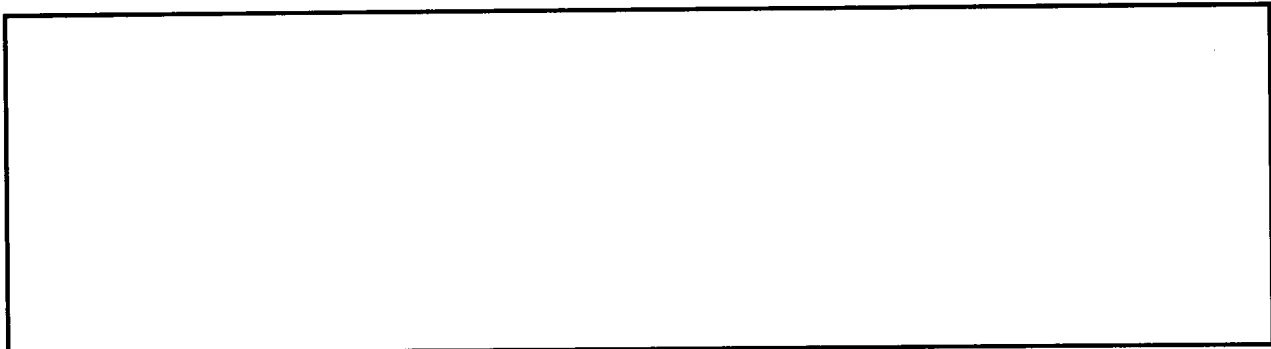
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Re: CUBAN AIR FORCE
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - CUBA

On May 26, 1959, [redacted] furnished an oral report to SA [redacted], subsequently reduced to a typed report and approved by informant, the original of which is located in [redacted]

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- 1 - 105-1742 (Anti Fidel Castro)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 105-1747 (Cuban Political Activities)
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FIDEL CASTRO has publicly announced that
within three months he will fix the date for elections.

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Anti-Fidel Plot Broken

SANTIAGO, Cuba. — (UPI) — Police announced Friday they have smashed a counter-revolutionary plot against the government of Premier Fidel Castro.

Police squads arrested 12 former Batista men in raids on five hideouts, and seized arms, ammunition, uniforms and other materials, an official announcement said.

The round-up of alleged counter-revolutionaries followed a night of terror during which police fought two gun battles with unidentified persons and thwarted an attempted prison break.

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Cuba Grabs 7

HAVANA, Cuba — (P) —
Authorities announced seven
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persons have been arrested in
province, and charged with
conspiring to organize an arm-
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ter Fidel Castro's government.

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Police Quiz Ex-Castro Army Officer

A Cuban revolutionary army officer who last week defected from the Castro forces and flew to Miami was picked up and questioned several hours yesterday by Miami police.

Capt. Francisco Rodriguez Tamayo, who has

charged that the Cuban army now is dominated by Communists, was

taken to police headquarters with eight Cuban companions. All were released. No charges were placed.

The Cubans were picked up at a home occupied by Dr. Rodriguez Coyceiro, 1325 SW 13th Ave. Police had received an anonymous tip that an arms cache was stored in the residence. Only a revolver belonging to Capt. Rodriguez was found.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Fidel Castro last night denied that Russian officers are training the Cuban armed forces or that a Soviet arms ship has arrived off Cuba.



RODRIGUEZ

Castro told a meeting of lawyers that the allegations by a former rebel army officer in Miami were part of an insidious campaign being waged against his revolutionary regime.

The army general staff, in a special communique, said that the ex-officer, Francisco Rodriguez, was demoted by Castro in the last days of the revolution for "insubordination, addiction to alcohol and cowardly conduct."

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New Plot On Castro Is Snuffed

United Press International

HAVANA — National police reported today they had broken up a new plot against Fidel Castro's government in Oriente province, spawning ground of Castro's own revolution.

In a series of four raids Tuesday police arrested 26 persons and seized large quantities of arms, ammunition and explosives. Twenty-three of the suspects were arrested in two raids in Santiago, capital of Oriente. Two were picked up in Jiguani, Oriente. A former army corporal, Rafael Marrero Gonzalez, was seized in Havana.

FOUR GET AWAY

Police said four others sought in Santiago had escaped.

In Jiguani, children playing near an army post discovered a cache of six bombs, 74 sticks of dynamite and other materials suitable for making bombs.

Police said the Santiago raids turned up small arms, grenades and plans for "terrorist activities." They said the suspects confessed plans to commit sabotage and kill army leaders.

FARM REVOLT

The government already was faced with the threat of a revolt from the other end of the island. Farmers in Rio Del Pinar province angered over the land reform program have vowed to defend their farms with their lives.

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Dominican Consul Is Included

By HENRY CAVENDISH

A Federal Grand Jury today indicted seven persons, including two not previously named, as conspirators in a plot to run arms from Miami to the Dominican Republic.

The indictments followed the seizure of a C-74 Globemaster transport plane loaded with arms and 12 persons at Miami International Airport May 22.

Named by the Grand Jury as plotters along with those caught at the airport were:

Charles Colle, also known as Larry LaMarca, a Union, N. J., businessman and, Sidney Neubauer, a New York lawyer.

BATISTA LINK

Julio Laurent, identified by the government as Cuban chief of naval operations under dictator Fulgencio Batista, was named as a co-conspirator. But the grand jury did not indict him.

Joseph Liquori, dismissed Miami policeman, was said by the jurors to have informed two U. S. Customs Agents they would receive \$10,000 a year for letting the arms slip through.

The government said Augusto Ferrando, Dominican consul in Miami, actually gave the agents \$1,400.

Liquori, Ferrando, and the two out-of-state men were charged in a one-count indictment along with Leopold Trento, Newark businessman who lives here at 848 NW 3rd St.; Dominic E. Bartone of Cleveland, identified as the agent for the aircraft, and Samuel E. Poole Jr., of Tampa, the pilot.

GIRL LET OFF

No charges were filed against the others caught in the raid — Virginia L. Bland, 4015 SW 107th Pl., the co-pilot; John J. Embry of Tampa; William Quitman Brookley of 9255 SW 45th St., a University of Miami engineering student, and four Cuban nationals.

E. Coleman Madson, chief assistant U. S. District Attorney here, said there was insufficient evidence to prosecute them. He said they would be released.

The Grand Jury, in a list of 15 "overt acts" charged to the defendants, told in detail how government agents reconstructed the plot.

Neubauer and Trento, the indictment said, broached the subject March 31 to Customs Agent Wallace Shanley, and Agent William B. Lankford was approached April 24.

Liquori was said to have prom-

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U. S. Indicts Seven Here In Gun Plot

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ised the \$10,000 annuity to the agents May 5. The following day, the indictment said, Ferrando paid the agents \$400.

Colle, meanwhile, had shipped two cases of gun parts from Newark to Liquori at Miami and six cases to himself.

The two agents were said to have helped Liquori and Trento store 116 cases of ammunition May 18.

The next day, the agents were paid another \$1,000 by Ferrando, the indictment said.

A change of plans was announced by the plotters May 21, when Lankford and Shanley were told that the arms, originally scheduled to go to the Dominican Republic by boat, would be shipped by air in the Globemaster.

SET FOR TAKEOFF

The day of the proposed take-off, the indictment continued, Poole tested the plane and it was ready to go when Lankford and Shanley led the raiders to it.

Madsen said warrants have been issued for Colle and Neubauer and federal authorities will arrest them as soon as they can be found.

They and the others are charged with conspiring to ship arms illegally and with conspiring to bribe federal officers.

Liquori, after the raid, was suspended from the Miami Police Department.

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RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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On June 11, 1959, [redacted] furnished an oral report to SA [redacted] subsequently reduced to a typed report and approved by informant, the original of which is located in [redacted]

The names [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] are being indexed for file 105-1742.

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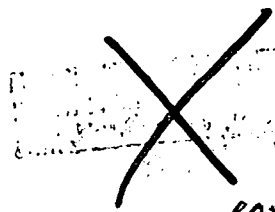
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TO : SAC, Miami

DATE: June 15, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (105-584)

SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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Referral/Direct

Enclosed for each office is a copy of [redacted]

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You are requested to advise whether you have any information which would confirm such [redacted]

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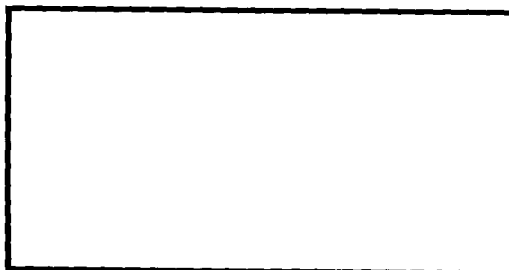
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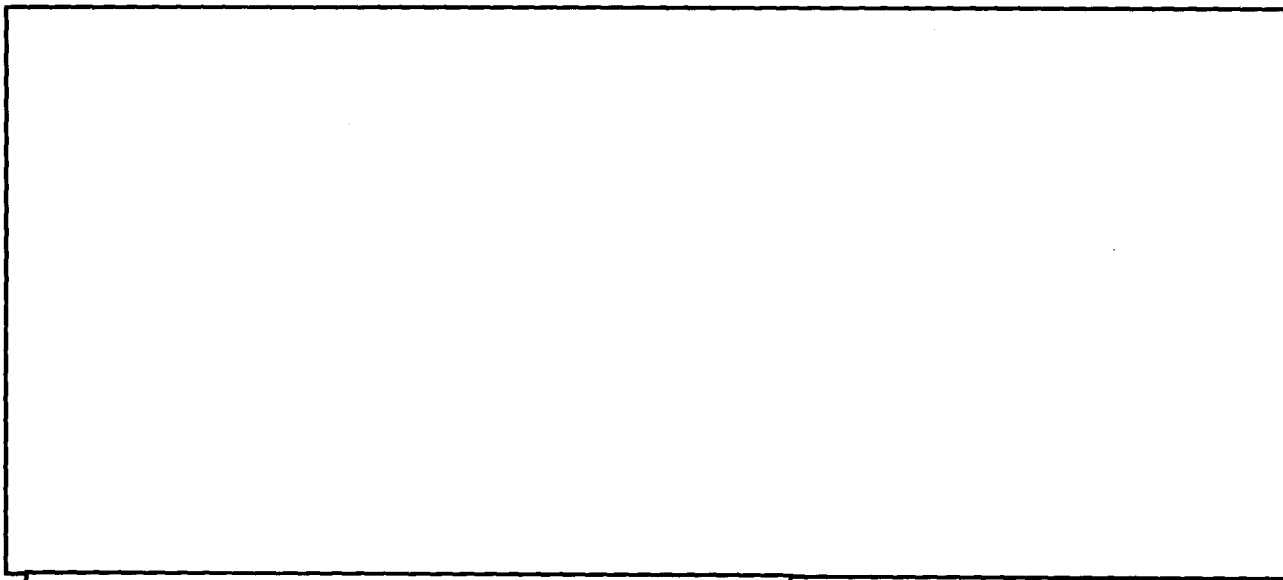
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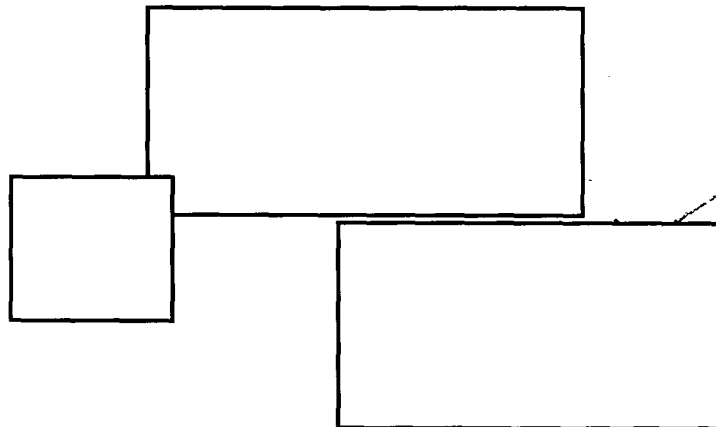
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Miami has received no information concerning any secret trial taking place in Miami of a former official of the Cuban government of BATISTA.

In the event such information is received at any time in the future, Miami will promptly advise the Bureau.

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Miami, Florida
June 17, 1959

MEMO, SAC

Re: ANTI FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
IS - CUBA

At 10:30 PM this date, SA [redacted]
SOG. telephoned this office and advised the writer that
[redacted] using his code name of [redacted] telephonically
contacted the Bureau requesting they relay the following
information to SA [redacted]

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Informant advised he will depart
Washington, D. C. at [redacted] in private rental
plane for Miami.

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SA [redacted] advised 10:41 PM.

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LAST IN CASE ENTITLED QUOTE [REDACTED] IS-CUBA UNQUOTE
AND BULET MAY 26 LAST INSTANT MATTER. JUNE 2 LAST [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CUBAN EXILE AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] APPEARED AT U.S. EMBASSY MEXICO AND INTERVIEWED BY
POLITICAL OFFICER [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] ADVISED CUBAN EXILES
IN MEXICO CITY HAD ORGANIZED UNDER NAME QUOTE DEFENSA
INSTITUCIONAL CUBANA UNQUOTE (INSTITUTION FOR CUBAN DEFENSE).
HE CLAIMED MEMBERSHIP OF 110 IN MEXICO CITY. HEAD OF
ORGANIZATION HERE REPORTED AS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WHO IS PRESENTLY
IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. GROUP DESCRIBED AS ANTI CASTRO, ANTI
COMMUNIST AND ANTI BATISTA. [REDACTED] STATED ABOVE DESCRIBED
ORGANIZATION AFFILIATED WITH SIMILAR GROUPS IN NEW YORK, MIAMI,
CIUDAD TRUJILLO, CARACAS AND GUATEMALA CITY. GROUP PUT OUT 24
PAGE PAMPHLET ATTACKING CASTRO REGIME. AS NOTED RECAP GENERAL
INQUIRIES MADE BY FORMER BATISTA ARMY OFFICER RE AVAILABILITY
OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS THROUGH MEXICAN SOURCES BUT NO SPECIFIC
INQUIRY AS TO AMOUNT OR KINDS DESIRED. [REDACTED] INDICATED ONLY
ACTIVITY OF ORGANIZATION AS OF DATE OF INTERVIEW CONSISTED IN
PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY ABOVE DESCRIBED. WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW
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Enclosed for each office except Mexico, is one copy of Mexico airmail 6-5-59 captioned "Anti-Fidel Castro Activities, IS - Cuba."

Chicago locate and interview [redacted] for all pertinent information he may have concerning his organization and its connection with similar groups in United States. Endeavor to elicit names of persons involved, particularly any in this country. Bufiles contain no pertinent information concerning him.

Enclosure

- 1 - Havana (Enclosure)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (109-584)

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SAC, NEW YORK (105-35253)

ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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Re NY teletype, dated 4/13/59, entitled "FIDEL CASTRO, IS-CUBA"; San Juan airtel to Bureau, dated 4/16/59, captioned "ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES, IS-CUBA."

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[redacted] Agent, Legal Department, New York
[redacted] on 4/23/59, advised SA [redacted] that

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[redacted] in a fifth floor apartment at the aforementioned apartment and indicated that [redacted] was unemployed and that he had just arrived from Cuba.

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[redacted] on 6/2/59, advised that [redacted] either to or from Puerto Rico were [redacted] from 4/6/59 to 6/2/59.

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In view of the fact that the [redacted] records failed to indicate that [redacted] were made from the residence of [redacted] to Puerto Rico, no further investigation will be conducted in this matter.

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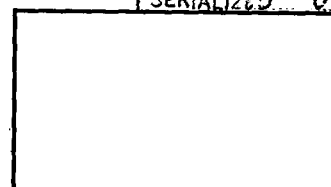
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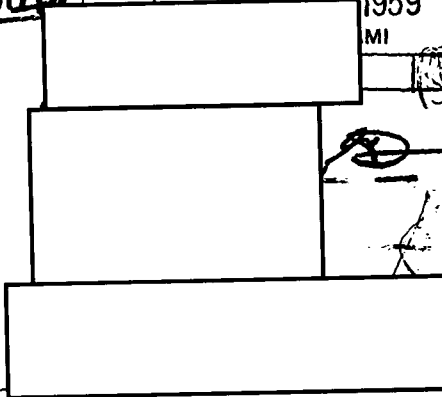
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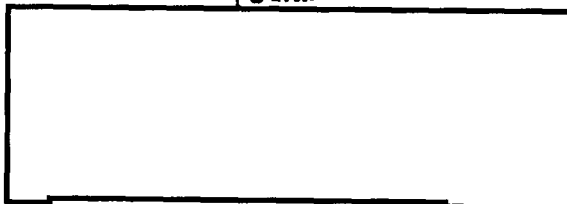
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Date: June 16, 1959
To: Office of Security
Department of State
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Reference is made to my communications dated June 12, 1959, and June 15, 1959, in captioned matter.

Our representative in Havana, Cuba, has learned that numerous members of the Cuban armed forces are forming counterrevolutionary organizations. Although numerous claims have been made disclosing that the Castro government may be overthrown within the next few months, no information is available indicating that the counterrevolutionary groups are united or that they have a leader who is capable of causing the overthrow of the present government.

The United States Army Attache assigned to the United States Embassy at Havana, Cuba, has advised that [redacted] is unknown to him and that there is no [redacted] in the Cuban Army. In this connection, the [redacted] battle on the [redacted] operations of the Cuban Revolutionary Army and [redacted] who serves as [redacted] to the United States Embassy, is the [redacted]

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The United States Air Attache at the Embassy has advised that [redacted] (phonetic) is not known to him. The Attache also advised that Major Pedro Luis Diaz Lora was recently removed from his post after being severely criticized by Fidel Castro. He was replaced by Major Juan Almeida and the Cuban Air Force was placed under the control of the Cuban Army. With regard to Diaz Lora, our representative learned that he is reported to be in hiding.

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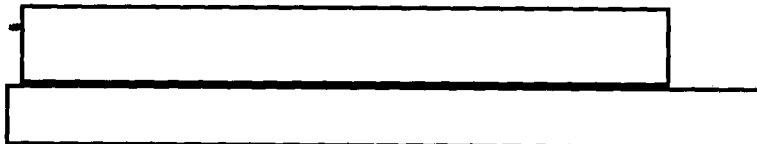
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Department of State**

The United States Naval Attache assigned to the Embassy has advised that there are no Russian ships presently in Cuba. The last Russian ship departed from Cuba on April 2, 1959, for North Africa with 5,000 tons of sugar aboard. Our representatives also learned that groups have been training in Cuba in the past for military expeditions. These groups were being trained particularly for action against Nicaragua. In addition, Nicaraguan revolutionary groups are openly recruiting volunteers in Havana, Cuba, to fight in Nicaragua.

An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past has revealed that a group of approximately 150 men was reported to have departed from Cuba on or about June 9, 1959. The informant believed that the group left by airplane rather than boat.

Any additional pertinent information received in this matter will be immediately made available to you.

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1 - Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army

Attention: Chief, Security Division

1 - Director of Naval Intelligence

1 - Office of Special Investigations
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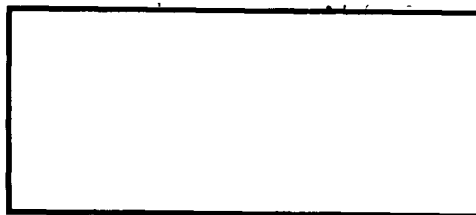
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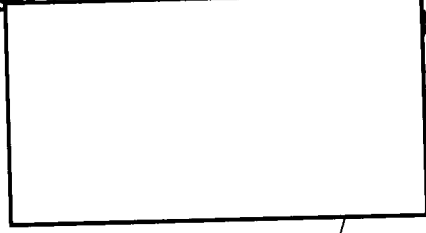


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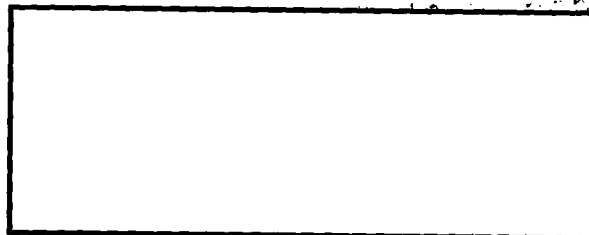
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[REDACTED] CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED AS FOLLOWS. [REDACTED] PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IN

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, TOLD [REDACTED] TWO DAYS AGO, FOLLOWING [REDACTED]

RETURN TO MIAMI FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC THAT CONTINGENT OF ONE

HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY CUBAN BARBUDOS WERE

CAPTURED AND SHOT BY DOMINICAN FORCES AFTER THEY LANDED NEAR COSTANZA,

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, BY PLANE FROM SANTIAGO DE CUBA SEVERAL DAYS

AGO UNDER COMMAND CAPTAIN ENRIQUE JIMENEZ. ABOVE PLANE HAD BEEN PAINTED

LIKE DOMINICAN AIR FORCE PLANE. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE HAD SEEN LAST

THREE BARBUDOS CAPTURED IN PRESENCE GENERALISSIMO RAFAEL TRUJILLO b7C

OF D.R. WHO HAS CENSORED THIS INCIDENT FROM DOMINICANS AND PRESS. b7D

[REDACTED] RECEIVED CONFIRMATION ABOVE REPORT FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] YESTERDAY AT EDEN ROC HOTEL, MIAMI. [REDACTED] DISCLOSED THAT

RAUL CASTRO HAS FOUR THOUSAND ADDITIONAL MEN AT SANTIAGO DE CUBA

READY TO DEPART FOR D.R. MORGAN, LEADER IN SECOND FRONT OF ESCOMBRA

AGAINST BATISTA, HAS RECENTLY BEEN NAMED BY FIDEL CASTRO AS HEAD OF

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NEWLY ORGANIZED MOUNTED POLICE IN CUBA ACCORDING NEWSPAPERS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ANTI CASTRO GROUPS

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AFFILIATED WITH [REDACTED]

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AND [REDACTED]

HAVE ACHIEVED GOOD UNITY. [REDACTED]

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MEMBERS ANTI CASTRO MOVEMENT ARE CONSCIENTIOUSLY ATTEMPTING TO AVOID VIOLATING U. S. LAWS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. MM 105-1891

Miami, Florida

JUN 19 1959

RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES -
CRUSADE OF REVOLUTIONARIES
AGAINST COMMUNISM (CRAC)

I. PREDICATION

An article appearing in the "Miami News" dated June 7, 1959, captioned, "Russians Training Castro's Soldiers?" is summarized as follows:

A Cuban Army captain, Captain FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ, who fought on FIDEL CASTRO's side, charged in Miami yesterday that the Cuban Government was dominated by communists. The article relates that Cuba set off the Nicaraguan revolution and has plans to reinforce the rebel forces apparently fighting in Nicaragua. Further, that Cuba is systematically indoctrinating the Cuban Army in Marxist doctrine and is using Russian officers as military instructors. The article relates that Captain RODRIGUEZ arranged a purchasing mission to Miami in order to avoid being assigned to a detachment of 300 Cuban troops, which, he said, was scheduled to leave for Nicaragua. Captain RODRIGUEZ related that they were scheduled to leave in three ships from Pinar del Rio Province in Southern Cuba. Captain RODRIGUEZ related that the leaders of the expedition are General MIGUEL ANGEL RAMIREZ, a Dominican exile, and Commandante ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA of Havana's La Cabana Fortress.

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Captain RODRIGUEZ charged that Cuban Communists had also set off the Panamanian revolution and planned to invade Santo Domingo.

The article relates that Captin RODRIGUEZ stated that Cuban troops are shown Russian-made, Spanish-language films in the Charlie Chaplain Theater in Havana and that after the films RAUL CASTRO, who is commander of the Cuban Armed Forces, would lecture the soldiers on Marxism.

In sub-caption appearing in this article entitled "Taught to Hate U. S." RODRIGUEZ is reported as stating that the Cuban soldiers are taught to admire the Soviet Union and to hate the United States. In addition, RODRIGUEZ said, Russian officers are instructing the Cuban Army and Air Force. Further that when Captain RODRIGUEZ left Cuba there were two Russian ships in Havana Harbor unloading arms for the Cuban Army.

The article relates that Captain RODRIGUEZ did not know whether FIDEL CASTRO was a communist, but added that FIDEL CASTRO was dominated by the Reds.

II. BACKGROUND

A. The following information was furnished by

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[redacted] who were interviewed
at the Miami Office of the FBI on June 10, 11 and 12, 1959.
Both were interviewed simultaneously and jointly furnished
the following information. Where information can be
attributed to them specifically, it will be so indicated.

[redacted] advised that
he was born [redacted] He stated that [redacted]
[redacted] FIDEL CASTRO in the fighting in the
Sierra Maestra and that [redacted]

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[REDACTED] advised that he departed Cuba
on [REDACTED] 1959, as a passenger aboard National Airlines
[REDACTED] which departed Cuba at 3:00 p.m.

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[REDACTED] furnished a Republic of Cuba
identification card which identified him as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that he was single and [REDACTED] of
age. This identification card contained a photograph of
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] further displayed a
[REDACTED] which indicated
that he was assigned to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Havana, Cuba.

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[REDACTED] advised that he is presently
residing at [REDACTED] Miami, Florida, and
that his telephone number is [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] advised
that he is [REDACTED] years of age, born [REDACTED]
Cuba. He advised that [REDACTED]
from the [REDACTED] He stated that prior
to leaving Cuba he was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], an agency of the current FIDEL CASTRO Cuban Government.
He advised that he is the son of [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] whom he stated are presently residing in
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[redacted] advised that he departed Havana, Cuba, for MIAMI, Florida, on [redacted] 1959, as a passenger aboard [redacted] which departed Havana at 3:00 p.m. He stated that he [redacted] and that he [redacted]

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[redacted] He stated that he is married and that his wife is [redacted] who departed Cuba with him.

He stated that he is presently residing at [redacted] Miami, Florida, telephone number [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that FIDEL CASTRO was a [redacted]

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III. REASON FOR LEAVING CUBA

Both advised that in their opinion FIDEL CASTRO is completely dominated by communist influence. Both added however, that they could not state that FIDEL CASTRO was actually a communist; however, because of his moves since becoming Premier of Cuba it would indicate that he is a communist. They stated that in Cuba there is a constant and prevalent anti-United States attitude. They stated that this anti-United States attitude is being nurtured in the press and speeches of FIDEL CASTRO, his brother RAUL CASTRO and other Cuban officials. They stated that they consider themselves pro-United States and anti-communist and came to the United States to incur the goodwill of the United States Government. They stated that in their opinion Cuba, under the present regime of FIDEL CASTRO, would be better off if BATISTA were back in power, even though they hated and despised the BATISTA dictator form of government.

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IV. INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO [REDACTED] CONCERNING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that in the latter part of [REDACTED] 1959, he approached [REDACTED] seeking permission to visit the United States as a tourist.

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On June 2, 1959, [REDACTED] related that he was contacted by [REDACTED] and was instructed [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] as one of [REDACTED]

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CASTRO; however, he did not know their names.

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**V. CASTRO CUBAN GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR DOMINATION AND
CONTROL OF CENTRAL AMERICA**

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Both [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that there are presently in Cuba individuals training that represent all of the countries of Central America. Both stated that these troops are training at various places throughout Cuba and that it is the intention of the Cuban Government to assist these various groups in the attacks on their mother countries. Both stated that the Panama revolution in April, 1959, and the current Nicaraguan revolution are examples of the overall CASTRO Cuban Government plan to dominate Central America.

Both stated that in their opinion, due to the number of Nationals from Central American states now training in various parts of Cuba, that eventually the CASTRO Cuban Government will institute revolutionary activities in Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic. Both stated that in their opinion the Dominican Republic will be the final revolutionary attempt by the CASTRO Cuban Government since FIDEL CASTRO has a fanatical hate for Generalissimo TRUJILLO. [REDACTED] advised that he personally recalled RAUL CASTRO stating, "If we can control the Panama Canal everyone can go to Hell."

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VI. PANAMANIAN INVASION, APRIL, 1959

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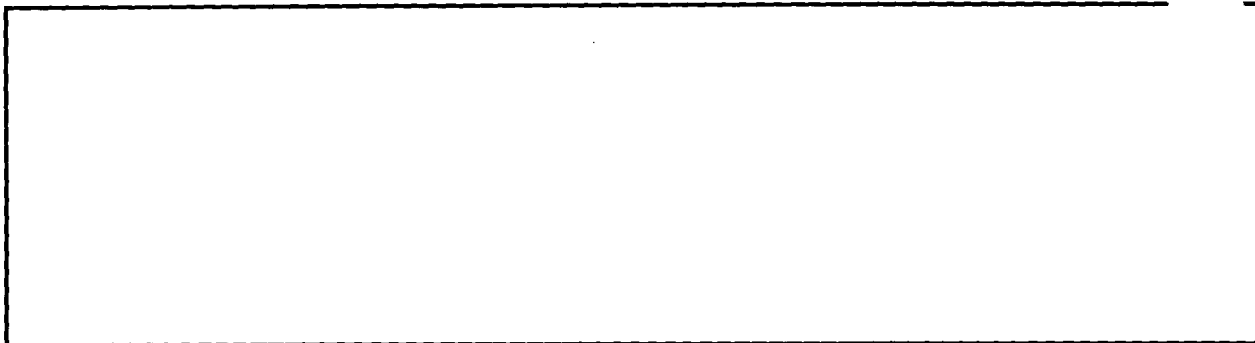
[REDACTED] stated that the invasion of Panama in April, 1959, was organized

[REDACTED]

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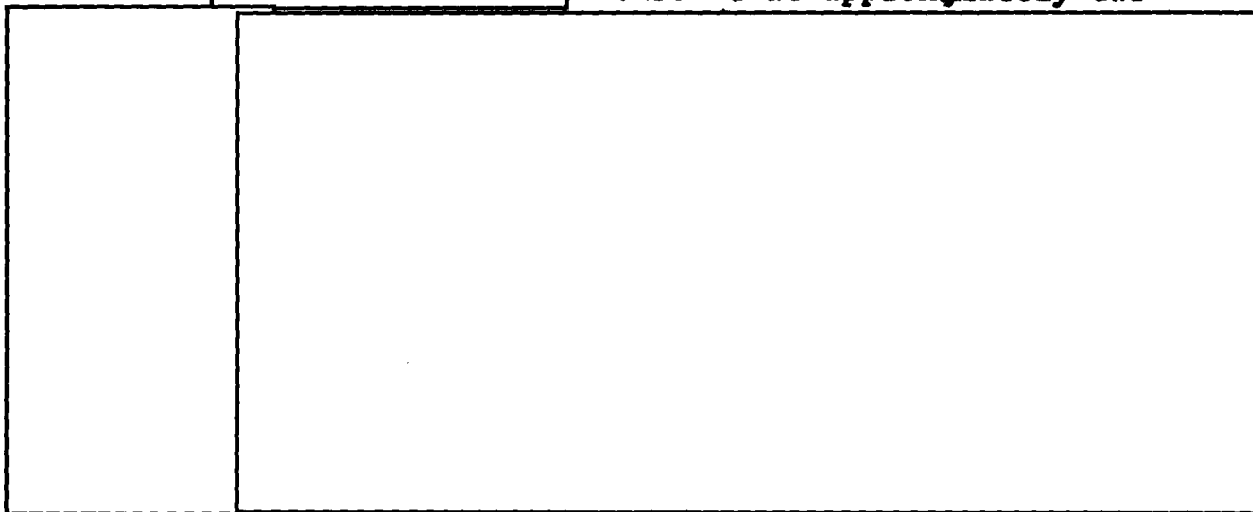
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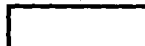
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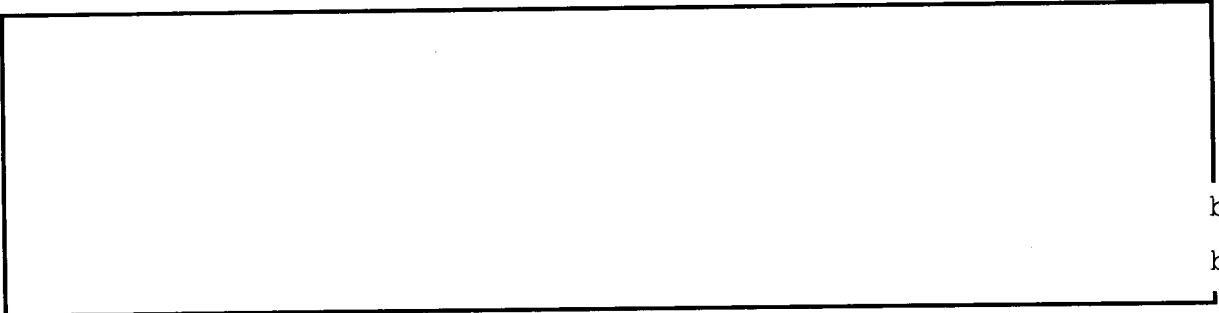
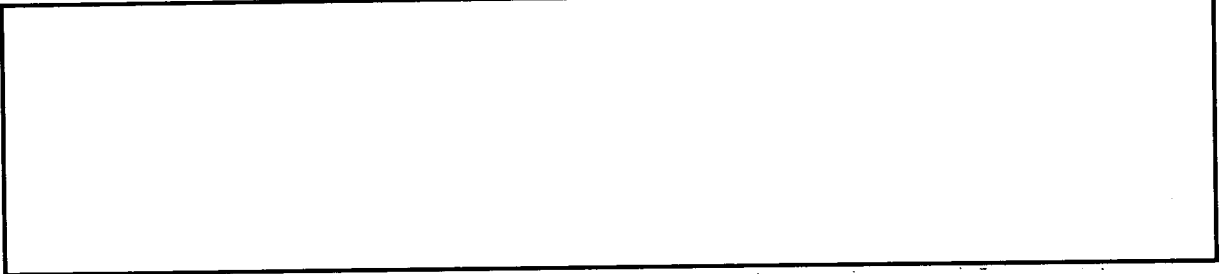
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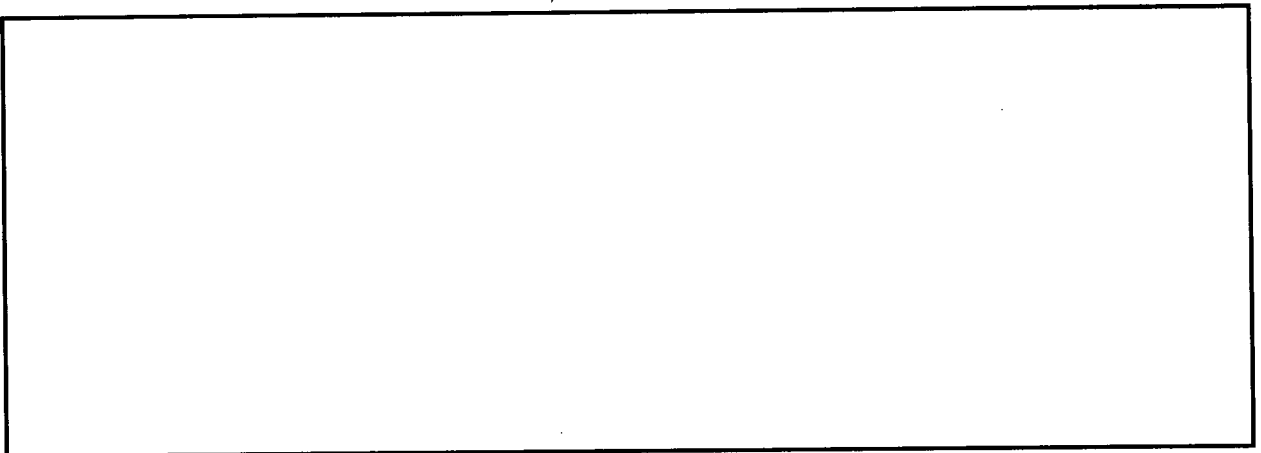
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VIII. RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN CUBA



[redacted] advised that there are two
Russian colonels presently in Cuba to his knowledge, who
are training members of the Cuban Armed Forces. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] (phonetic),
who is referred to as [redacted] and who wears
a Cuban Army uniform, is assistant to [redacted] b7C
[redacted] b7D

[redacted] described [redacted] as
being [redacted] b7C
[redacted] b7D

[redacted] advised that [redacted]
(phonetic) who is referred to as [redacted] and
who wears a Cuban military uniform, is located at the [redacted] b7C
[redacted] which is the location of [redacted] b7D
[redacted] and that [redacted] is instructing
Cuban pilots in the flying of "Sea Fury" aircrafts. [redacted]
[redacted] advised that the "Sea Fury" is an English type
aircraft which were bought in great numbers by the BATISTA
Government.

IX. COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN CUBAN MILITARY FORCES b7C

Both [redacted] b7D
[redacted] advised
that throughout the Cuban Army, Marxist doctrine is being
taught to Cuban soldiers.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] however, he does not know their names. [REDACTED] advised that the military are being instructed that Cuba must be free to trade with all other countries and that Cuba must get away from the yoke of the Yankees. He stated that the United States is being accused of being Imperialistic and they are stressing the idea of free commerce for Cuba. He stated that in comparison the military is being told that in Russia everyone is the same, everyone has equal rights and that the Russian farmers are completely happy with the Russian system of government.

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[REDACTED] stated that Marxist pamphlets are being distributed to the Cuban Army and cited an example which occurred on May 1, 1959, during a May Day Parade in the town of Manzanillo, Cuba. [REDACTED] said that a friend of his, [REDACTED] discovered that during this parade Marxist pamphlets were being distributed to his company soldiers. He stated that [REDACTED] arrested the person who was distributing these pamphlets to his troop; however, this person that he arrested reported [REDACTED] to RAUL CASTRO and that subsequently [REDACTED] was himself placed in jail for three days and busted to the rank of a common soldier.

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[REDACTED] advised that they consider the following persons to be communists who are presently connected with the military of Cuba. Both stated they based their opinions on facts and on information which is public knowledge in Cuba, and that their opinions could be corroborated by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who is presently residing in Miami, Florida.

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Commandante ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA - La Cabana Fortress

Commandante EFIGENIO ALMEJEIVAS - Chief of Police

Commandante JUAN ALMEIDA - New Chief of Aviation

Commandante RAUL CASTRO - Chief Armed Forces

**Commandante (First Name Unknown) LUZON - Chief Army Intelligence
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Commandante SERGIO PINEIRO - Military Chief of Oriente Province

**Commandante HERMIDIO ESCALONA - Military Chief of Pinar del
Rio Province**

**Commandante JOSE SOLER MOJARRIETA - Aviation Chief of Columbia,
Cuba**

**[REDACTED] (First Name Unknown) [REDACTED] - position unable to
recall**

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Commandante WILLIAM GALVEZ - Inspector General of the Army

Commandante HUBERT MATOS - Military Chief of Camaguey

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[REDACTED] - General Headquarters, Camp Liberty

**[REDACTED] CAMILO
CIENFUEGOS, Chief of Cuban Army.**

[REDACTED] - Cuban Navy

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[REDACTED] - Cuban Navy

[REDACTED] - Assigned Oriente Province

[REDACTED] - Assigned Oriente Province

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[REDACTED] - Assigned Santa Clara Province

[REDACTED] ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA

[REDACTED] - Educated in France

ALFREDO GUEVARA - Director of Culture for the Army who studied
two years in Russia

Commandante AGUSTO R. MARTINEZ SANCHEZ - Minister of Defense

[REDACTED] - Assigned Province of Havana University

[REDACTED] - Assigned Institute of
Agricultural Reform b7C

[REDACTED] (First Name Unknown) - Assigned Camp Liberty

[REDACTED] Military Force, Town of Palma Soriano

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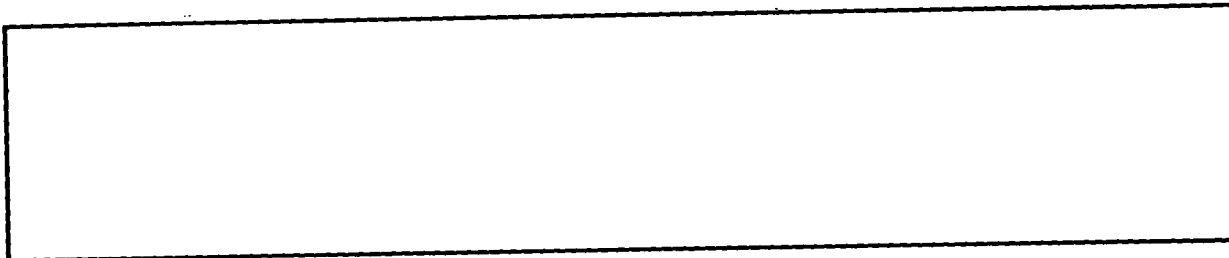
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Both [REDACTED] advised

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XI. ANTI-CASTRO FEELING IN CUBA

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[redacted] advised that seventy to seventy-five per cent of the Cuban Rebel Army specifically ones who fought with FIDEL CASTRO prior to January 1, 1959, are now against the FIDEL CASTRO Cuban Government. Both stated that these individuals are pro-American and have no desire for any communist form of government in Cuba.

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Both stated that poor farmers in Cuba who formerly wholly supported FIDEL CASTRO, have recently turned against the FIDEL CASTRO form of government.

XII. CRUSADE OF REVOLUTIONARIES AGAINST COMMUNISM (CRAC)

Both advised that CRAC was formed in Cuba approximately January 10, 1959. [redacted] advised that he is a member of the [redacted] in Cuba.

[redacted] advised that he is [redacted] in the United States. Both stated that their purpose is to unite various groups of exiled Cubans who are against the present FIDEL CASTRO government and form a united front against the influx of communism in Cuba. Both stated that since arriving in Miami they have contacted [redacted]

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[redacted] who resides in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and who is

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[redacted] of [redacted]

[redacted] the United Nations who is now [redacted]

the Sociedad Anti-Comunista de Liberacion for purpose of achieving this unity.

Both stated there is no single chief of CRAC. It is a movement against communism and against FIDEL CASTRO.

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CARLOS MARQUEZ STERLING, former Cuban presidential candidate and leader of Pueblo Cubano Parti, is the provisional presidential candidate of CRAC in event CASTRO is defeated.

[redacted] who has been fighting communism professionally for years in Cuba, is the chief of CRAC in the United States. [redacted] telephone number [redacted] b7C

[redacted] stated he is also a member of CRAC. He is attempting to unite all anti-CASTRO groups into one organization, with the exception of the group headed by [redacted] and so-called war criminal who is considered unacceptable because of his unsavory reputation. On June 10, 1959, [redacted] talked to [redacted] b7C

[redacted] the Sociedad Anti-Comunista de Liberacion (SAL), at Fort Lauderdale, in an effort to achieve unity between SAL and CRAC. b7D

The underground movement of CRAC in Cuba has made considerable progress. It feels that it can already take over Camp Liberty at any time. Important government and military leaders of the CASTRO regime are secret members of this movement.

Two such leading collaborators are [redacted] b7C

and [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Potential military leaders of CRAC include:
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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Furthermore, it is believed that [redacted]
[redacted] can be counted on as a supporter
of CRAC. When action starts the slogan will be [redacted]
[redacted] served in the general headquarters of the
Cuban Army under [redacted] is against RAUL
CASTRO and he opposed RAUL when RAUL attempted to make "Hoy"
the official publication of Cuba. "Hoy" is the newspaper of
the Communist Party in Cuba. [redacted] is very popular in Cuba b7C
and eighty per cent of the people are for him. His brother,
[redacted] is a communist, but [redacted] is anti-communist.

About seventy per cent of the barbudoes (bearded
members of the July 26 Movement) are now against FIDEL CASTRO.
At the Managua Encampment in Cuba there are 6,000 CASTRO
men. Recently they rebelled against their commander, [redacted] b7C
[redacted] who was temporarily jailed by his own men.

In Pinar del Rio Province there is some actual armed
resistance against CASTRO.

The anti-CASTRO movement has a great need for
ammunition and arms.

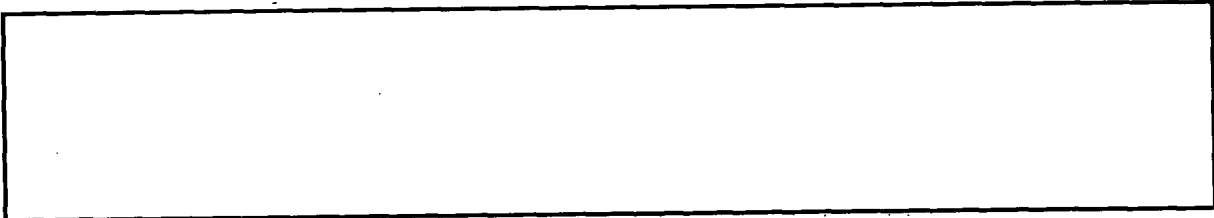
XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Both advised that they have received information
from Cuba that on May 18, 19, 20, 1959, there were ten
members of the Rebel Army of FIDEL CASTRO (barbudoes) in
the Hotel Ukraine in Moscow, Russia.

Both advised that they had received information
from Cuba concerning an individual in Miami who is engaged
in furnishing arms to revolutionaries and that the person
was identified [redacted] b7C b7D

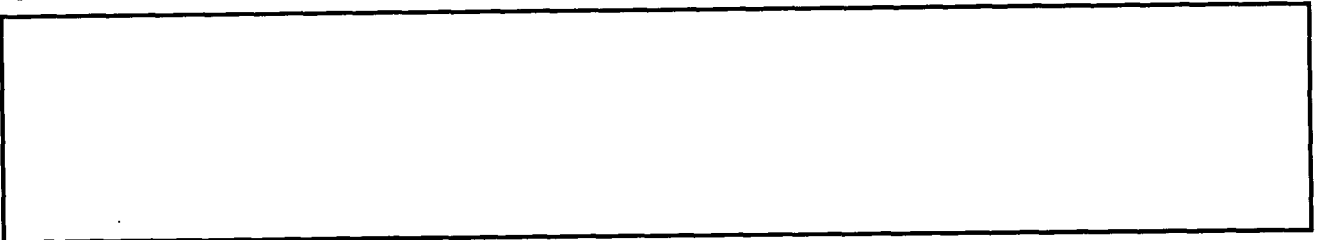
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information concerning this person has been furnished to the
Miami Police Department.



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XIV. CONCLUSION

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Both advised that the overthrow of the CASTRO Cuban Government is inevitable and that the date of the revolution against the CASTRO Government depends upon unity of the anti-CASTRO groups and that possibly an attempt will be made to overthrow the CASTRO Cuban Government within thirty to sixty days.

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ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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Re Bureau radiogram to Miami, 6/9/59; Miami
teletypes to Bureau, 6/11/59 and 6/12/59; San Juan
airtel to Bureau, 6/15/59.

Enclosed herewith are eleven copies of a
letterhead memorandum dated as above, at Miami, captioned
"ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES - CRUSADE OF REVOLUTIONARIES
AGAINST COMMUNISM (CRAC)" setting forth the details and
results of interviews conducted with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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Copies are being furnished the New York, Washington Field, Newark and Jacksonville Offices for information inasmuch as these offices have previously conducted investigations concerning Cuban revolutionary activities.

Referenced Miami teletype to Bureau set forth a lead for the San Juan Division to interview [redacted] of [redacted] concerning the identities of Cubans met in Russia by [redacted].

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Referenced San Juan airtel reflects that LUIS FERRE is presently in the United States on a speaking tour and who has a speaking engagement in Bridgeport, Conn., on 6/17/59. San Juan Office requested information concerning [redacted] to determine whether [redacted] is identical with [redacted] Bureau file [redacted]

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On June 16, 1959, the Miami Office contacted [redacted] Miami, who advised that his brother, [redacted] did not accompany him on the trip to Russia. Therefore, the New Haven Office will be contacted by separate communication to discontinue investigation in attempt to interview [redacted] at [redacted] on 6/17/59.

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A copy of this communication is being furnished San Juan for information at their request.

For the information of the Bureau, upon receipt of referenced Bureau radiogram dated 6/9/59, the Miami Office, upon the initiative of the Miami Office, was in the process of interviewing [redacted]

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The interview conducted with [redacted] and [redacted] on 6/10/59 and 6/12/59, was made by SA [redacted] Interview with [redacted] and [redacted] on 6/11/59 was made by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

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The identities of [redacted] [redacted] are set forth in the letterhead memorandum at their request. Both stated they did not desire that their identities be concealed. Both stated that they have no intention of violating laws of the United States and that they will continue to advise the Miami Office of their activities and the activities of the Crusade of Revolutionaries Against Communism.

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In interview with [redacted] [redacted] on June 12, 1959, both stated they were departing for Washington, D. C., that evening and that upon their return to Miami in approximately five or six days they would immediately contact the Miami Office.

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The Bureau is requested to check files concerning identities of [redacted] (phonetic) and [redacted] (phonetic).

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Miami will contact [redacted] BRAC, to obtain verification concerning identities of alleged Cuban military communists.

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Will interview [redacted] Maule Industries, to ascertain if he was in contact with other Cubans while in Russia attending a businessman's conference.

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[redacted] advised that the Miami Police Department and INS, Miami, have also been advised of the information furnished the FBI.

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On 6/12/59, [redacted] U. S. Customs, Miami, was advised of the details concerning the Flagler Street, Miami, businessman believed to be engaged in arms shipments.

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[redacted] advised on 6/12/59, of a possible attempt against his life. [redacted] was instructed to contact Miami Police.

INS, Miami, has advised that a "lookout" will be placed locally against [redacted]

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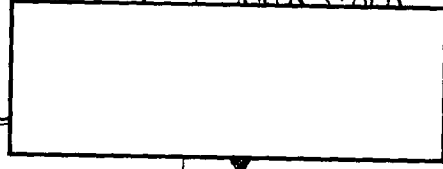
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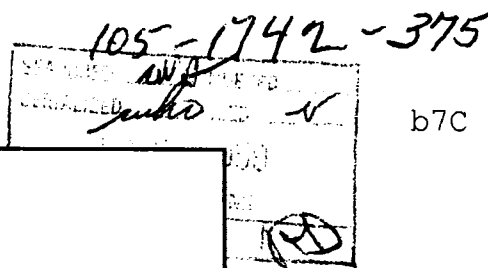
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✓ From: Director, FBI (109-584)

ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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Miami immediately advise details concerning referenced
matter. [redacted] may be identical with individuals
of similar names referred to in your teletype 6/11/59 in
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Newark, New Jersey

June 19, 1959

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Also Known As [redacted]

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[redacted] whose reliability has not been established due to insufficient contacts, but who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on June 18, 1959, that the August 24 Organization is also known as "La Rosa Blanca", the white rose. The head of this group is General Pedraza, former chief of the Cuban Army under Batista, presently in the Dominican Republic. [redacted] is the United States is [redacted] and the [redacted] is a former

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[redacted] revealed that [redacted] was talking to [redacted] by phone on June 15, 1959, and [redacted] advised [redacted] that Ernesto "Che" Guevara left Cuba for Cairo, Egypt, with a Cuban Minister, also of Castro's Government. The purpose of this visit by Guevara is to arrange the sale of sugar and any other Cuban commodity to Egypt in exchange for Russian arms and ammunition.

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[redacted] added that [redacted] said that Castro is aware of a movement by the August 24 Organization and other Anti-Castro groups to attempt an overthrow of the Castro Government, and he is taking every step to thwart any uprising or invasion; and that Castro wants additional arms to aid other groups who are preparing to overthrow other Latin American governments.

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According to [redacted] revealed that a concerted underground movement is taking place by members of the August 24 Organization in Cuba so that when the time comes for them to attempt a coup, they will be prepared. [redacted] went on to say that [redacted] revealed that he hoped the United States would awaken to the fact that Castro is slowly but surely turning Cuba into a Communist

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State; and that if the United States would assist those who are preparing to fight Castro, by selling them arms, it would facilitate getting rid of Castro, who is a real threat to the United States and other countries surrounding Cuba.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (105-7281)

RE:

[REDACTED]
IS - CUBA

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding captioned subject. Copies of this memorandum are also being furnished New York, Miami and San Juan for information purposes.

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This memorandum is being classified "~~confidential~~" because the disclosure of the information furnished by [REDACTED] could be prejudicial to the defense interest of the United States.

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- 4 - New York (ENCLS-4) RM
 - (1-ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES)
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- 5 - Miami (ENCLS-5) RM
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 - (1 - [REDACTED])
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[redacted] utilized in the body of enclosed memorandum, is [redacted] and he has requested that his name be kept confidential. He was interviewed on 6/18/59 by SA [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-584)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-3253)
SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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[redacted] NYC, advised on 6/17/59, that he had spoken to [redacted] who was in NY, for a few days, and was registered at the Gladstone Hotel, East 53rd Street, NYC.

[redacted] stated that he only spoke to [redacted] for a short time, but [redacted] gave him the impression that his contacts with US Government officials in Washington, were satisfactory.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] wants [redacted] to join in the movement with him against the Castro Government in Cuba. [redacted] stated that [redacted] did not discuss any of his activities in detail nor did he mention anything specific about his contacts during

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his recent visit to the Dominican Republic.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] left NYC, via train on 6/16/59, and was returning to Miami, Florida, and toward the end of June, 1959, he would move his residence to Washington, D. C.

Above submitted for the information of the Bureau and Miami.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA; REGISTRATION ACT	b7C

Synopsis:

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Miami, 3/26/59, entitled, "DEPARTMENT OF LOGISTICS, NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY POLICE, MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, REPUBLIC OF CUBA, FPM - CUBA."

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MIAMI:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will continue to follow actions of subject through informants and other sources.

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On January 30, 1959,
 Florida, was contacted in response

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to a telegram sent by him to the Bureau requesting Bureau assistance in obtaining the entry of his father, [REDACTED]. His father was in Jamaica and was not allowed to enter the United States per orders of the State Department. It was explained to [REDACTED] at that time that the Bureau could do nothing in view of the fact that the matter was within the jurisdiction of the State Department and Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (S)

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INFORMANTS

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Location of Original Information</u>
[REDACTED]	2-165-1928
[REDACTED] (S)	2-165-3642
[REDACTED]	2-165-2191
[REDACTED]	62-3398-181.
[REDACTED] as set forth in Legat, Havana let to Bureau dated 6/25/58.	

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[redacted]
[redacted] Florida, by request

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Date:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: MIAMI

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Synopsis:

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[REDACTED] the Cuban National Police during the regime of former President of Cuba FULGENCIO BATISTA, advised he served 18 years in police work. Forced to flee Cuba upon fall of BATISTA. Stated was not engaged in any plans against FIDEL CASTRO, present Prime Minister of Cuba, or against Cuban Government, and intended to remain out of any such activities. Denied knowledge of any anti-FIDEL CASTRO activities. [REDACTED] described as [REDACTED] residing in US and as active in attempt to secure entry of FULGENCIO BATISTA into US. [REDACTED] reportedly not participating in anti-FIDEL CASTRO activities.

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On June 12, 1958, the United States Department of State advised that listed among the prominent Cubans likely to seek political asylum in the United States was [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who received a B-2 visa on October 4, 1957. This visa was valid for four years. [REDACTED] was described as an individual engaged in excesses, usually some form of brutality.

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On June 25, 1958 [] a confidential source abroad, advised that there were over 5000 numbers selling outlets in Greater Havana and that the outlets were expected to contribute to the Department of Investigation of the Cuban National Police \$8.00 - \$10.00 a week each. [] said the total amount of the contribution was divided equally between [] of the Department of Investigations of the Cuban National Police [] of the Cuban Police, and the wife of President FULGENCIO BATISTA.

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The "La Gaceta", a Tampa, Florida daily Spanish language newspaper, in its issue of January 2, 1959, listed ORLANDO PIEDRA among several police and army officers who have excelled in the art of killing and torturing, and have encouraged BATISTA in his dictatorship.

On January 21, 1959, the United States Department of State advised that ORLANDO PIEDRA was denied passage in Montego Bay, Jamaica, on January 21, 1959, on a British Overseas Airways (BOAC) airline flight to Nassau. The State Department advised that the Bahamas Government requested BOAC to refuse PIEDRA passage because they did not want such a character in the area, and BOAC cancelled PIEDRA's passage..

[] whose wife is [] was greatly distressed when [] did not arrive at the airport in Nassau. [] who is a permanent resident of the United States of Cuban extraction, and employed as [] by Mackey Airlines, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, said that the United States was the only place where [] life was safe. [] said that [] had been asked to leave the Dominican Republic because approximately two years previously, []

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incurred enmity of General RAFAEL TRUJILLO because [] linked an anti-BATISTA Cuban with a member of the TRUJILLO family. There was reportedly a \$3000 sum involved.

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[] said [] owns extensive property in the State of Florida.

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The "Diario Las Americas", a Miami, Florida Spanish language daily newspaper, in its issue of February 6, 1959, contained an article referring to ALLEN ROBERT NYE and NYE's participation in a plan to kill FIDEL CASTRO, presently Prime Minister of Cuba. The article reflects that NYE came to Havana following a plan which had been proposed to him prior to the overthrow of BATISTA through the mediation of a Cuban confidant in Miami named DANIEL VASQUEZ, husband of MARISOL ALBA, who had been accused as a traitress by the July 26 Revolutionary Movement. VASQUEZ connected NYE with BATISTA on the telephone, who in turn, referred him to General CARLOS TABERNILLA PALERMO, and Colonel ORLANDO PIEDRA NEGUERUELA, high government officials under President BATISTA.

[] arrived at Havana on November 12, 1958, and took the necessary steps to join the rebel ranks. All of his hotel expenses in Havana were paid by [] and []

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The July 26 Revolutionary Movement was the Cuban revolutionary party headed by present Prime Minister of Cuba FIDEL CASTRO.

The "Miami Herald", a daily Miami newspaper, in its issue of February 25, 1959, contained an article reflecting that ORLANDO ELENO PIEDRA asked the Federal Court to admit him into the United States as a political refugee. He charged he came to the United States on January 24, 1959, after a flight from Cuba, but Immigration and Naturalization

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Service Agents threatened him and he was forced to go to Puerto Rico and then to the Dominican Republic. EMMETT C. CHOATE, Federal Judge, signed an order permitting him to re-enter the United States.

The "Diario Las Americas", in its issue of February 27, 1959, stated that PIEDRA was one of the four individuals accused in the murder of Doctor PELAYO CUERVO NAVARRO, illustrious public figure and President of the Orthodox Party of Cuba.

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On March 6, 1959, [redacted] advised SAs [redacted] that he was at that time [redacted] the Department of Logistics, which was a unit of the Cuban National Police, established February 11, 1959.

He said that the Cuban Government was at that time desirous of getting [redacted] of the Department of Investigations of the Cuban National Police, back to Cuba as [redacted] was considered one of the [redacted] residing in the United States.

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[redacted] said he believed [redacted] was purchasing arms but that he had no evidence to substantiate his belief.

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On March 23, 1959, [redacted] [redacted], Miami, advised SAs [redacted] that he was in Cuba on March 5, 1959, and was arrested there by the Cuban Police. He was questioned by Agents of the Department of Logistics and prior to his release he was propositioned by an individual known only as [redacted] of the Department of Logistics. He was asked to assist the Department of Logistics in arranging for the kidnapping and return to Cuba of [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

SAC, MIAMI (105-1794)

DATE: 4/22/59

TO :

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

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Dictated: 4/21/59

SUBJECT:

ORLANDO ELENO PIEDRA NEGUERUELA
IS - CUBA; REGISTRATION ACT

On April 20, 1959, [REDACTED]
was interviewed at Miami, Florida by SAs [REDACTED].
[REDACTED] The results of this interview
are set out below:

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At the outset of the interview [REDACTED] was advised
that anything he said was voluntary on his part, and
anything he said could be used against him in a court
of law. He was advised he did not have to make a statement,
and that he was entitled to consult an attorney should he
so desire. He stated he understood and furnished the
following voluntary information:

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He stated he had been in [REDACTED] in Cuba
for [REDACTED] and that he considered himself a
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He said he had been [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for the
last seven of his years in [REDACTED] and that he had
been forced to leave Cuba upon the fall of the former
Cuban President FULGENCIO BATISTA.

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He said that the rumors that he had received personal
payments from gambling casinos, hotels, and other sources
were false. He stated he had never received any illegal
payments or bribes and that any money collected under
the law from any source was turned in to the Treasury
of Cuba as it should have been.

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[redacted] said he had made money by [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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He stated he had been highly successful and that it is possible that his success caused rumors that he had received money unjustly.

[redacted] said he had no knowledge concerning any plots to kidnap former BATISTA officials and that he had not been participating in any plans or activities against FIDEL CASTRO or the present Government of Cuba.

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He stated he intends to remain out of any activities which might be construed as being of a political nature and that he intends to devote himself to a quiet life in the United States.

He said he knows of no agents or persons working for any section of the Cuban Government, present or former, who are currently active in the United States either for or against FIDEL CASTRO.

He knows of no attempt on the part of the Anti-CASTRO elements in Cuba to make contact with anyone in the United States, and he knows of no individuals seeking to effect a union between BATISTA people and Anti-CASTRO forces. He said he was aware of no expeditions or plans for the formation of any expeditions. He stated he was aware of no emissary from the CASTRO forces in the United States.

The following description was obtained from observation and interrogation:

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Name

Age

Born

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Race

Sex

Nationality

Citizenship

Height

Weight

Build

Eyes

Hair

Complexion

Address

White

Male

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Cuban

5'10"

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Heavy

Brown

Brown

Medium

Florida

Married

Marital status

Wife

Son

Parents

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Father - JOSE PIEDRA

Mother - RITA NEGUERUELA

Occupation

Brothers

Sisters

Education

High School, 2 years

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On May 3, 1959, [] advised that a Cuban exile in Miami had told him that [] was scheduled to lead an invasion into Cuba around the 20th of May, 1959, and it was informant's unverified conclusion that the invasion would take place from Tampa or the Florida Keys.

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On May 14, 1959, [] stated he was unable to verify the information previously furnished by him or furnish any additional information.

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On May 26, 1959, [] advised he had no information which would indicate that [] was involved in any activities having to do with the formation of an expedition or other activity in violation of the United States laws.

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On June 3, 1959, [] advised that [] was a very close friend of former Cuban President FULGENCIO BATISTA, and was desirous of seeing BATISTA a resident of the United States. [] stated that he was in possession of no information which would indicate that [] was in any way involved in anti-FIDEL CASTRO activities in the United States.

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On June 3, 1959, [] advised he was acquainted with [] and had no information which would indicate that [] was associated with any organization engaged in anti-FIDEL CASTRO activities or was himself engaged in any activities in violation of the laws of the United States.

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[] said that he had heard [] was desirous of effecting the entry into the United States of former President of Cuba FULGENCIO BATISTA.

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On June 8, 1959, [] advised that he had known [] for many years and while he did not personally approve of [] the only activity in which [] was engaged at the present time was in attempting to secure some way in which the entry of former President of Cuba FULGENCIO BATISTA into the United States could be effected. He said that [] was not a member of or associated with any organization which was engaged in anti-FIDEL CASTRO activities, as far as known to informant. Informant pointed out that he is well acquainted among the Latin American element in the Miami area.

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[] stated in describing [] that [] was an individual who assumes his own importance through his relationship with someone of public importance. He stated as far as he knew, [] had no close associates among the Cubans exiled in the Miami area.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Miami, Florida


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MEMORANDUM



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Reference is made to report of SA 
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 is an individual who has furnished some
reliable information in the past, but with whom contact has
been insufficient to establish full reliability.

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TO : SAC, MIAMI (105-1742-277)

DATE: 6/19/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (109-112)

SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA
IS-CUBA

Re Miami letter 6/15/59.

For the information of the Miami Office, it is to be noted that SA [redacted] who was Legal Attache at the U.S. Embassy in Havana, Cuba, used the cover name of [redacted] b7C

For the additional information of the Miami Office, SA [redacted] is now under transfer to Rio de Janeiro as Legal Attache. b7C

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